

MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2015
VERMILION PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Darin Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Judge's Library, on the second floor of the Courthouse in Abbeville, La.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Darin Desormeaux.

Mr. Darin Desormeaux requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Shari Cormier with the following members present:

Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Dane Hebert, Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Carlton Campbell,
Mr. Francis Plaisance, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Mr. Kirk Frith, and Mr. Allen
LeMaire

The following members were absent:

Mr. Donald Menard, Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Ms. Pat Rost,
Mr. Kevin Sagrera, and Mr. Ruben Rivera

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, VPEDD, and Ms. Shari Cormier, VPEDD

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Francis Plaisance, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout gave the Treasurer's report in Mr. Richard Guilbeaux's absence. She first reviewed the invoices that were paid in April, but had not been approved because of a lack of board members to make a quorum at our April meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Dane Hebert, and duly seconded by Ms. Gale Smith, to approve payment of these invoices totaling \$674.97. This motion was unanimously carried by the board.

Ms. Falgout then reviewed the invoices and expenses needing payment this month. She noted that they had previously been reviewed and approved by the Treasurer. A motion was made by Mr. Francis Plaisance, and duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith to pay invoices totaling \$949.87. This motion was unanimously carried by the board.

Ms. Falgout also informed the board that we will be sending out invoices in June to all of the committed groups and towns. Mr. Guilbeaux requested the board's preference on how to handle distributing the invoices to the board's supporters. Mr. Kirk Frith made a motion to

have the board members deliver the invoices to their approving authority. This motion was duly seconded by Ms. Gale Smith and unanimously carried by the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VPEDD office in the month of April. She also spoke of interviews and presentations that were given, as well as, boards and committees on which she has served during the past month.

OLD BUSINESS

As an update to the One Acadiana Initiative, Ms. Anne T. Falgout spoke about possibly obtaining board membership for the local economic developers. She also stated that if this does not work out that One Acadiana's plan for the local economic developers is to use them in some type of advisory capacity.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that Mr. Richard Guilbeaux was told by the board's attorney that we need to provide Worker's Comp. coverage for the Director because she is doing a job specific to our program and directives. According to the original quote obtained, this coverage should be an additional \$439.00 over what has already been paid. A motion was made by Mr. Dane Hebert to add Ms. Falgout to our Worker's Comp. coverage. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board that under Louisiana law we are required to undergo a financial review. This review will be done through our CPA's office. The fee for this services runs between \$3,500 and \$5,000. A motion was made by Ms. Gale Smith to move forward with the review as required by State law. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell and unanimously carried by the board.

Ms. Falgout informed the board of the need to amend the existing budget to include the cost of the insurance coverage. A motion was made by Mr. Francis Plaisance and duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith to amend the 2015 budget in the amount of \$3,500.00 for insurance cost. The motion was unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Darin Desormeaux informed the board of the Town of Erath's new board appointee. He noted that a vote will be needed at the next meeting to confirm this appointment.

Mr. Darin Desormeaux also informed the board that the Bill regarding our organization has passed the House of Representatives with no opposition, and is being sent to the Senate.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout spoke of a Business Retention and Expansion training course she would like to attend in New Orleans. Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout up to \$1,000 in tuition and lodging cost and to have any other cost put on her expense report for approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert and unanimously carried by the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Vermilion Parish Policy Jury Committee meeting room.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary