

Vermilion Parish Economic Development District

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Who is Anne Falgout?

- Background
- Work Experience
- Expertise

What is VPEDD?

- Political subdivision of the state
- Funding by the police jury, state money secured by local legislators, sheriff's office and a variety of other local sources
- Mission is to grow and develop the economy of Vermilion Parish via retention, recruitment and encouragement of entrepreneurship
- Board – 14 members: police jury + one at large, municipality reps, school board, sheriff's office, chamber and harbor & terminal

Stakeholders

- Chamber of Commerce, Tourist Commission, parish and municipality governments
- Community organizations like yours
- Local business community
- Other regional economic development orgs – AEDC members/One Acadiana

Why now?

- Chamber – Leadership Vermilion
- FUEL – Young professional organization
- Economic Development committee (police jury) evolved into our 14-member board
- Action agenda

Vision

- “Strategic Economic Development” – we choose a path rather than leaving it up to chance
- Establish better access to area resources – through training, visits, counseling
- Evaluate SWOT
- Review and rethink plans by DADCO and UL Lafayette MBA Students