

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2015
VERMILION PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Police Jury conference room, on the second floor of the Courthouse in Abbeville, La.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ruben Rivera.

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Pat Rost with the following members present:

Mr. Donald Menard, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Dane Hebert, Ms. Pat Rost
Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Kevin Sagera, Mr. Allen LeMaire, Mr. Ruben Rivera,
Mr. Francis Plaisance, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Ms. Gayle Smith, and Mr. Carlton
Campbell

The following members were absent:

Ms. Cynthia Dudley and Mr. Kirk Frith

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, VPEDD, Ms. Shari Cormier, VPEDD, and Mr. Chris Rosa,
Abbeville Meridional

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting were approved by motion by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave the Treasurer's report. He informed the board of two outstanding invoices that need payment. A motion was made by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, and duly seconded by Ms. Pat Rost, to pay invoices totaling \$307.56 from the Abbeville Meridional and KTC Telecom. Also included in the motion, was the approval to pay Ms. Anne T. Falgout's expenses for the month of December, in the amount of \$83.98. This motion was unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Guilbeaux also presented the 2015 budget to the board members. After a general discussion, Mr. Darin Desormeaux motioned the board to adopt this budget, Mr. Francis Plaisance seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Guilbeaux also informed the board that, as approved at the last meeting, Ms. Anne T. Falgout's name has been added to the VPEDD's checking account signature list.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VPEDD office in the month of December. She spoke of several interviews with the local news media, including being Acadiana LifeStyle's February Personality. She also informed the board of the upcoming speaking engagements that she has scheduled for the coming month.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that VPEDD is sponsoring an upcoming series of social media classes to take place on 1/22, 2/5 and 2/19, at the Vermilion Parish Library.

Ms. Falgout also spoke of the progress made with the branding and website design. She provided the board with copies of the contract that was signed with Pixelbrush Studios along with a copy of the first round logo design.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ruben Rivera updated the board on the One Acadiana: A Regional Initiative campaign. He informed the board that he had received a letter from the One Acadiana Director and that although he felt it addressed some of our board's concerns, it left other questions unanswered. After a general discussion, the board agreed to have Ms. Falgout draft a letter to One Acadiana offering our board's support while respectfully requesting that Ms. Falgout have a seat on their decision making board. This letter is to be presented to the board for approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout requested the board's approval to add call forwarding to the office phone line at a cost of \$3.00 per month. A motion was made by Mr. Darin Desormeaux to approve this request, it was duly seconded by Mr. Allen LeMaire, and unanimously carried by the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be held on February 2, 2015 at 5 o'clock in the Vermilion Parish Policy Jury Committee meeting room.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary