

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2014
VERMILION PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 Ms. Pat Rost with the following members present:

Mr. Donald Menard, Ms. Gayle Smith, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux,
Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Ms. Cynthia Dudley,
Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Kirk Frith, Mr. Carton Campbell, and
Mr. Allen LeMaire

The following members were absent:

Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Mr. Kevin Sagrera, and Mr. Francis Plaisance

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, duly seconded by Mr. Allen LeMaire, and unanimously carried by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Pat Rost informed the board that the candidate that was previously offered the position of Executive Director of Economic Development, Ms. Anne T. Falgout, has accepted the position. Ms. Falgout, a native of Abbeville, has 13 years of experience in the field of Economic Development. Her employment will commence on November 10, 2014 and she will be paid \$80,000.00 per year on a contract basis. A motion was made by Ms. Pat Rost to approve the hiring of Ms. Anne T. Falgout, it was duly seconded by Ms. Gail Smith, and unanimously carried by the board.

The board was asked to review and approve the contract that Ms. Anne T. Falgout will be asked to sign in acceptance of the Executive Director of Economic Development position. A motion was made by Mr. Dane Hebert to approve this contract, it was duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith, and unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux proposed a motion that would allow Mr. Ruben Rivera to sign the employment contract with Ms. Anne T. Falgout on behalf of the board. This motion was duly seconded by Ms. Pat Rost and unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Kirk Frith offered a motion that the board prepare a policy and procedures manual which will include outlining the reimbursement of expenses and the board's expatiations as it relates to time in the office and other variables. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert, and carried by the board with only Ms. Pat Rost being opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux updated the board on the One Acadiana: A Regional Initiative campaign. He, Mr. Ruben Rivera and Mr. Paul Bourgeois met with a member of the One Acadiana organization. They stated, that while they are in agreement that Vermilion Parish will benefit from an association with One Acadiana, they spoke of concerns regarding One Acadiana's structure. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux proposed a motion to have Mr. Ruben Rivera formulate a letter outlining these concerns, to be sent to the One Acadiana Initiative. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried by the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 4 o'clock in the Vermilion Parish Policy Jury conference room.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary