

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2014
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. Kirk Frith,
Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Kevin Sagrera,
Mr. Francis Plaisance, Mr. Ruben Rivera, and Mr. Allen LeMaire.

The following members were absent:

Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Ms. Gayle Smith, and
Mr. Carlton Campbell.

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, Executive Director and Ms. Shari Cormier, Assistant

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting were approved by motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave the Treasurer's report. He informed the board of four outstanding invoices that needed payment. A motion was made by Mr. Francis Plaisance, and duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, to pay invoices totaling \$1,633.21, from Radio Shack, Piazza's Office Supply, KTC Telecom, and Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC. Also included in the motion, was the approval to pay Ms. Anne T. Falgout's expenses for the month of November, in the amount of \$246.44. This motion was unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Guilbeaux also discussed the need to attain board's approval to pay Ms. Falgout's salary on a monthly basis without approval each month. He stated that the board's meeting schedule may conflict with Ms. Falgout's payment schedule, and he did not want any delays to occur. Upon a motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance, the board unanimously voted to pay Ms. Falgout salary each month, without the need for board approval.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VPEDD office since her contract was signed on November 10, 2014. She spoke of several interviews with the local news media and informed the board that these can be seen on VPEDD's Facebook page. Ms. Falgout has also attended several board meetings of local organizations and municipalities, as well as community functions, in order to introduce herself and has plans to attend more in the near future.

She informed the board that VPEDD has purchased a URL and the new e-mail addresses were given to the board. The office can now be reached by e-mail at info@developvermilion.org.

Ms. Falgout also stated that she is currently reviewing bids for website and logo design, using the web address www.developvermilion.org. This will be funded by a donation from the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission and all invoices need to be processed by December 31, 2014. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux proposed a motion to allow Ms. Falgout, along with the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, to make their recommendations to the executive committee, without the need for full board approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Sagrera and unanimously carried by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ruben Rivera updated the board on the One Acadiana: A Regional Initiative campaign. He stated that he has not received a response regarding the letter that was sent addressing the board's concerns. Mr. Rivera asked Ms. Falgout to speak to the organizations leaders in order to gain the information needed for our board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux discussed the need to add Ms. Anne T. Falgout's name to the signature list on the VPEDD's checking account. Mr. Kevin Sagrera motioned the board to approve Ms. Falgout's name being added to the account, Mr. Kirk Frith seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by the board.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary