

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2015
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. 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. Dane Hebert, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Darin Desormeaux,
Mr. Kirk Frith, Mr. Allen LeMaire, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux,
Mr. Kevin Sagrera and Mr. Francis Plaisance

The following members were absent:

Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Jacob Landry, and Mr. Paul Bourgeois

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Darin Desormeaux and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave the Treasurer's report. He reviewed invoices and expenses that were in need of payment. Upon motion by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Ms. Gale Smith and unanimously carried, the invoices, totaling \$4,328.61, were approved for payment. Mr. Guilbeaux also informed the board of the checks that were received from the supporting entities during the month of July.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that Ryan Poche' has completed the summer internship and has turned all of his work into the office.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board of the upcoming Building the Region Conference, hosted by One Acadiana. The two day conference will highlight three Acadiana parishes each year and Vermilion Parish has been chosen for this year's event. Ms. Falgout handed out attendance

information to the board members, as well as sponsorship information. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to purchase a sponsorship, in the amount of \$500.00, for the event. Ms. Pat Rost seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by the board.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout presented the board with four quotes for pop-up promotional banners. She informed the board that the portable banner can be taken to all of VEDD's events. After reviewing the quotes, Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to allow up to \$350.00 for the purchase of the banner. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert and unanimously carried by the board.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout requested the office purchase a digital subscription to the Abbeville Meridional in the amount of \$75.00 per year. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to allow the purchase. This was duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried by the board.

The board requested that Ms. Falgout add a section to VEDD's website which will include a list of available properties within Vermilion Parish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board that the Focus Area Prioritization Committee met and reviewed the original action plans developed for VEDD and discussed areas in needing immediate attention. The committee will meet again in September.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in the month of July. 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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Kevin Segrera, and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary