

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2016
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Darin Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. 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. Darin Desormeaux.

Mr. Darin Desormeaux requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Gale Smith, with the following members present:

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Ms. Sarah Trahan, Mr. Nash Patel, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Kirk Frith and Mr. Darin Desormeaux

The following members were absent:

Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Kevin Sagera, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Aidan Broussard, and Mr. Jacob Landry

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, duly seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout gave the Treasurer's Report for Mr. Ruben Rivera. She reviewed the July invoices and expenses, totaling \$561.81. Upon motion by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Jason Picard and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

Ms. Falgout also presented an invoice from the Abbeville Meridional in the amount of \$185.00 that was received after the Treasurer's Report was approved by Mr. Rivera. She noted that Mr. Rivera was sent a copy of the invoice and had approved via e-mail. Upon motion by Mr. Jason Picard, duly seconded by Ms. Gale Smith, this invoice was approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout reviewed the list of businesses that were previously discussed as possible recipients of the Acadiana Honors award. This award will be given to a Vermilion Parish business on September 1, 2016. After a general discussion, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to have

KTC Telecom be the recipient of this year's award. This motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell and unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout stated that she is scheduled to meet with Lynn Guillory on August 5, 2016 to begin planning the State of the Economy event. She also stated that she will discuss the boards concerns from the July 18, 2016 meeting with her at that time.

Ms. Falgout presented the board with prices for the window clings that were discussed at the last meeting. She also stated that she was hoping to receive more bids as all of the companies contacted had not yet responded and that one of these companies was from Vermilion Parish. Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to allow \$700.00 (including design cost) to go with the Vermilion Parish vender if they were to respond. If the Vermilion Parish company's bid were to go over the \$700.00 limit, then Ms. Falgout was instructed to go with the cheaper bid provided the product size is the same as the other bids. Mr. Jason Picard seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout also discussed preliminary pricing and potential advantages of using television advertising. No action was taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that in response to Mr. Ben Rivera's request for a list of rankings and awards that VEDD has received, the office has been working on a "Good News" listing.

Ms. Falgout also informed the board that because of the recent board member changes the office was putting together a handbook for the new board members and mentioned a few items that would be included. She asked the board for suggestions as to anything else they thought should be included. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux suggested that the ACT that governs the board be added to the handbook. Ms. Falgout informed the board that these handbooks would be presented at the September meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The VEDD Hiring and Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Ben Rivera, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Mr. Kirk Frith and Mr. Richard Guilbeaux after careful review of Shari Cormier's annual evaluation has approved a .25 cent/hour pay increase, effective August 1, 2016. Mr. Jason Picard motioned the board to accept the committee's recommendation for the .25 cent/hr. pay increase. Mr. Nash Patel seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Gale Smith
Secretary