

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2016  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Pat Rost 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 Ms. Pat Rost.

Ms. Pat Rost requested a moment of silence.

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

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Jason Picard,  
Ms. Sarah Trahan, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Pat Rost,  
Mr. Ruben Rivera, Ms. Gale Smith, and Mr. Nash Patel

The following members were absent:

Mr. Jacob Landry and Mr. Kirk Frith

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Jason Picard, duly seconded by Ms. Gale Smith, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the October invoices and expenses, totaling \$1,390.86. Upon motion by Ms. Gale Smith, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

Mr. Ben Rivera informed the board that the engagement letter for our 2016 financial audit has been received from the auditors, Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Co. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to allow Ms. Pat Rost to sign the document and begin the audit process. Mr. Carlton Campbell seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Rivera also informed the board that the 2017 annual budget has been completed and will be presented to the board at the December 5, 2016 meeting. He asked everyone to attend the meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the window clings that were approved at the August meeting. She stated that because of an error with the materials we were given two extra sets. Ms. Falgout said that she is currently looking for vacant buildings to display the window clings.

Ms. Falgout gave an update on the Vermilion Community Competitiveness event that was held on October 26, 2016. She stated that she has had positive feedback from the event, and two people have showed interest in becoming committee members. She also presented the board with final pricing for the event.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout asked for the board's opinion regarding charging for speaking events and/or asking for sponsorships to cover cost. She told the board that it would allow her to hold better quality events. The board was receptive to the idea and Ms. Falgout will have information regarding registration and payment services at the next meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Pat Rost informed the board that the Personnel Committee lost one of its members when Mr. Darin Desormeaux resigned from the board. Mr. Dane Hebert volunteered to accept the vacant committee position. The Personnel Committee will now consist of Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Ben Rivera, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Kirk Frith, and Mr. Dane Hebert.

Ms. Sarah Trahan left the meeting.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

## NEXT MEETING

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

## ADJOURN

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

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Ms. Gale Smith  
Secretary