

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2016
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Dane Hebert 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. Ruben Rivera.

Mr. Dane Hebert requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Shari Cormier, 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, Mr. Nash Patel,
Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Jacob Landry, and Mr. Kirk Frith

The following members were absent:

Ms. Pat Rost and Ms. Gale Smith

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell, and unanimously carried by the board.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Ronald Menard was introduced as the new board member representing the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande was introduced as the new board member representing the Village of Maurice.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the October invoices and expenses, totaling \$1,273.41. Upon motion by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Jason Picard and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

Mr. Rivera presented the proposed 2017 annual budget to the board for approval. He also noted changes that were made from the previous 2016 budget. Mr. Jason Picard motioned the board to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Kirk Frith duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the window clings that were approved at the August meeting. She informed the board that two have been placed in windows in Abbeville and that they are noticeable from the street. She also stated that she has had another business owner who has shown interest in putting one up on his building.

Ms. Falgout gave an update on her conversation with Mr. Andrew Granger with the LSU Ag Center, as was directed at the last meeting. Ms. Falgout noted some programs that could be available for them. She stated that she would continue conversations with Mr. Granger.

Ms. Falgout provided the board with information regarding registration and collection of charges for events, as was discussed at the previous meeting. She noted that she would ask board approval, on a case by case basis, before charging for our services.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board of the Leadership Exchange trip to Lexington, KY in April. She noted that a member of the Police Jury suggested that she attend. She also noted that the cost of the trip would be \$2,400 and that registration for the event would begin in January. Mr. Paul Bourgeois suggested that the board table the discussion until the next meeting.

Ms. Falgout stated that she was informed by the Police Jury that she needed to send a letter requesting funds to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury by Wednesday, December 7, 2016 as they would be discussing their budget for 2017. She asked the boards opinion as to how to handle this request. Mr. Paul Bourgeois motioned the board to amend the agenda to allow the board to vote on the matter. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Ruben Rivera and unanimously carried. After a short discussion, Mr. Paul Bourgeois motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to submit a letter to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury requesting a 20% reduction of the amount received previously. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout informed the board of an issue Acadia Parish was having with their AEDC board designee. She stated that the outcome may affect her appointment as the designee chosen by the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce who is the direct designee for Vermilion Parish.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that the Building the Region Conference, held in Acadia, Jeff Davis and St. Martin Parishes, is to be held in January. Ms. Falgout requested the board's approval to attend the two-day event at a cost of \$85.00. Mr. Paul Bourgeois motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to attend the conference. Mr. Jason Picard seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to go into executive session. Mr. Ruben Rivera seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. After a short session, Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to return to the regular session. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux then informed the board that the Personnel Committee had met to discuss Ms. Anne T. Falgout's annual evaluation and motioned the board to approve the Personnel Committee's request for a pay increase of 2 ½ percent. There was no second to this motion. Mr. Paul Bourgeois requested to amend the motion to carry Ms. Falgout's current salary forward into 2017 and revisit a possible pay increase in 6 months. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Jacob Landry and unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Gale Smith
Secretary