

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 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. Shari Cormier, with the following members present:

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Ms. Sarah Trahan,
Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr.
Ruben Rivera, Mr. Kirk Frith and Mr. Darin Desormeaux

The following members were absent:

Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Kevin Sagrera, Ms. Gale Smith, and Mr. Nash Patel

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the August invoices and expenses, totaling \$1,073.49. Upon motion by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

Mr. Rivera also informed the board that a meeting has been scheduled to begin working on the 2017 budget. The board members were asked to speak to their supporting entities about possible funding for the next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that KTC Telecom was presented with the Acadiana Honors award on September 1, 2016, at the 2016 Acadiana's Top 50 Luncheon.

The board members were each given a booklet that included the organizations absenteeism policy, the LA ethics requirements, board room procedures, and a copy of the ACT governing VEDD. The board members were asked to sign a sheet acknowledging the receipt of their booklet.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout gave a detailed report on the disaster relief response to Vermilion Parish businesses from the VEDD office. The office worked directly with 42 business and delivered relief information to government offices throughout the parish.

Mr. Paul Bourgeois arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Falgout presented the board with an opportunity to attend the Great States Investment Summit in Dallas, TX. She informed the board that this trip would be at no cost to our organization and that it would allow her to be in direct contact with site selectors from that area. Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to attend the Summit. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Rivera and unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout also presented information about the LIDEA conference to be held in Baton Rouge, LA on November 9 & 10, 2016 and informed the board that this would be on the agenda for the October meeting. She noted that she hoped to have more detailed information at that time.

Ms. Falgout presented information about the Building the Region Conference to be held in Acadia, Jeff Davis and St. Martin Parishes on October 13 & 14, 2016. She informed the board that she felt she did not need to attend the entire conference, but wanted to bring it to the board's attention in case they would like to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Pat Rost requested a list of the current committees and suggested that meetings be scheduled with these committees. Ms. Falgout asked the board if it would be possible to hold the committee meetings without a board member present, as she has been having scheduling issues. There was no opposition from the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Gale Smith
Secretary