

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2017
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Pat Rost called the meeting to order at 5:11 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:

Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Kirk Frith, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr. Patrick Duhon, and Mr. Dane Hebert

The following members were absent:

Mr. Aidan Broussard, Ms. Sarah Trahan, Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Jacob Landry, and Mr. Nash Patel

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the invoices and expenses, totaling \$1,972.85. Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board of the attorney's opinion regarding our board members termination dates. She stated that it is not the board members themselves, but the entity that they represent that is important, and that after the four-year term, the entity will choose to reinstate the current board member or select another. If the board member were to resign within the four-year term, the entity would put someone into the position to fulfill the four-year term. Using the information given by the attorney, Ms. Falgout presented the board members with a list of termination dates for all board members.

Ms. Falgout gave the board an update on the GIS Mapping Application that was discussed at the July meeting. She informed the board the One Acadiana has agreed to pay the hosting fee for one year. She stated that although all nine parishes will have the opportunity to use the mapping software, only Vermilion has plans to use it at this time.

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux asked if any payments were received after the invoices went out in July. Ms. Falgout stated that she has received two checks. She also reviewed the expectations she has from the other entities.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Paul Bourgeois mentioned a study that was currently being done regarding the fire department issuing fines to businesses who repeatedly set off false alarm calls. He asked the opinion of the board as to the impact on businesses in Vermilion Parish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

Mr. Dane Hebert asked if there was any news from the Planters Rice Mill. Ms. Falgout said that she tried to contact someone who may be involved, but was told that that person was out of town and he would contact her when he returns.

Ms. Megan LaLande asked about the radio ads. Ms. Falgout stated that the representative she had been working with has not been responsive and that she was not sure we would keep the radio advertising beyond the six-month trial. She also stated that the amount paid for the advertising was added to the grant proposal, so we may have to keep some sort of advertising in the budget.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout provided the board with a written report detailing 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 5, 2017 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Ben Rivera, duly seconded by Mr. Patrick Duhon and unanimously carried, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Gale Smith
Secretary