

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2018
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera 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. Ruben Rivera requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Shari Cormier, with the following members present:

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Patrick Duhon, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Kirk Frith, Ms. Christine Trahan, Ms. Tammy Gordon, Mr. Jacob Landry, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, and Mr. Ruben Rivera

The following members were absent:

Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Gale Smith, and Mr. Gerrod Brasseux

The following guests were present:

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

Mr. Ben Rivera announced that the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce has reappointed him to the VEDA board for the new term beginning June 4, 2018 and ending June 4, 2022. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to ratify the appointment. Mr. Kirk Frith duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Patrick Duhon entered the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Jacob Landry, and unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to postpone the Treasurer's Report to later in the agenda as the Treasurer is not yet present.

Ms. Tammy Gordon entered the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout presented the board with two letters that will accompany the supporter and business invoices. She informed the board that Mr. Rivera requested that she speak to the CPA's office to see if the donations from the businesses can be tax deductible. Ms. Falgout said that she was told that the business donations should be considered charitable donations and can be tax deductible. She also noted that the office would need to provide their tax number to the businesses. Mr. Richard

Guilbeaux recommended a change in the letters. The board was told that the invoices would be ready to be mailed or delivered within the week.

Ms. Falgout updated the board on the video that is currently in production. She informed the board that she had filmed some talking head shots for the video and named others who have been contacted. She also mentioned that the video will represent all the communities of Vermilion Parish.

Mr. Aidan Broussard entered the meeting.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that Louisiana Economic Development has offered a free economic development training course for board members and invitees in Vermilion Parish. She asked the board about convenient dates for the class. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to schedule the class on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Mr. Jacob Landry duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Aidan Broussard gave the Treasurer's Report. He provided a list of the invoices and expenses, totaling \$10,001.01. Upon motion by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Jacob Landry and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board that the office is waiting on the approval of the latest grant reimbursement draw. She told the board that she thinks that we should have about \$11,000.00 left in the area that the video falls under and based on her calculations \$8,000.00 of the video cost could be covered by the grant and \$4,000.00 could be used to cover our match. Ms. Falgout also informed the board that based on the calculations, there is approximately \$2,000.00 remaining. Mr. Kirk Frith suggested that the funds be reserved in case there are unexpected costs or overages.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that LIDEA is offering a class in September. The Shaping Business Climate via Initiatives in Public Policy and Incentives class is one of the required electives for Ms. Falgout to become a certified economic developer. The cost associated with attending are \$512.00. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to attend the class at the cost of \$512.00. Mr. Patrick Duhon duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Falgout informed the board that she has received one of the feasibility study proposals. This proposal shows a cost of \$15,000.00 to complete the study. She stated that she would like to give the other organization time to complete their proposal and have her contacts at the LSU look them over before going further.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout provided the board with a written report detailing the accomplishments made by the VEDA office in the month of June.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2018 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Aidan Broussard and unanimously carried, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Gale Smith
Secretary