

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2023  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. The meeting was held at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex, 407 Charity Street, Abbeville, La.

Mr. Patrick Duhon led the Pledge of Allegiance before Mr. Rivera requested a moment of silence.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Ms. Kristy Doucet-Touchet, Ms. Claire Broussard, Ms. Anita Dupuis, Ms. Nikki Vidos, Mr. Joshua Anderson, Mr. Patrick Duhon, and Mr. Elliot Broussard

The following members were absent: Mr. Dexter Callahan, Ms. Anne T. Falgout, Ms. Linda Vincent, Ms. Kristin Vincent, Mr. Jacob Landry, and Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande

The following guests were present: Ms. Lynn Guillory, Ms. Charlene Beckett, Miss Harper Duhon, Mr. Brennan Breaux, and Ms. Rebecca Shirley

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Brennon Breaux introduced himself and discussed SLEMCO's services.

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 21, 2023, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Nikki Vidos. Mr. Elliot Broussard duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried by the board.

Ms. Kristy Doucet-Touchet entered the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Ruben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. The board was provided with a list of invoices and expenses totaling \$622.85. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay the invoices. Ms. Nikki Vidos duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: This was discussed under Transition Committee updates.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Shari Cormier informed the board that VEDD has received the Farmers' Appreciation Dinner sponsorship from ExxonMobil.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The board was provided with an updated funding report.

Ms. Nikki Vidos gave the report for the Transition Committee. She informed the board that VEDD has received 5 applications for the Economic Development Liaison position. She noted that interviews will be scheduled in the coming week.

Ms. Vidos updated the board on requests from the business community that the Transition Committee has managed in the past month. She noted that they received one request for a grant support letter, which was submitted, and a new industry inquiry that VEDD will be looking into.

There was no update from the Workforce Development Committee.

Ms. Vidos gave an updated from the Sustainable Funding Committee. She informed the board that Mr. Rivera gave an update to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury's General Needs Committee and presented the new proposition language as well. The committee voted unanimously to approve VEDD's

proposition being placed on the March 23, 2023, ballot and it will go before the Police Jury at their regular meeting on August 16, 2023, for ratification.

Ms. Vidos gave an update on the Strategic Planning Committee. She noted that there have not been enough responses to the LDRC survey to be able collect the needed data. She asked the board for assistance in getting the survey out to the public.

There was no update from the Communications and Promotions Committee.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES: The board members spoke about the areas they represent and shared things happening in their communities.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the District will be at 5:30pm on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mr. Patrick Duhon, duly seconded by Mr. Elliot Broussard and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ms. Anne T. Falgout  
Secretary