



VERMILION  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

# 2023 | FEBRUARY

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

6 Prospects

2 Projects

- **Prospect Grinds:** issues w/ property apron and state roads; DOTD funding and City progress
- **Prospect Carnival:** business and city in review of plans
- **Prospect Polywaf:** property survey for city/private land ownership; developer reviewing
- **Prospect Smoke:** engaging realtors for two specific sites of interest
- **Prospect Steer:** business plan underway with funding discussions in progress; bank initiate
- **Prospect Chopper:** location and property owner discussions
- **Project Corridor:** waiting to be brought before council for vote
- **Project Transport:** Pivoting to funding alternatives, coalition lead

## EXISTING BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

6 Business Visits

1 Business Events

- Grant Workshop Planning with Congressman Higgins' Office planning
- Vermilion At Work initiative planning - video series to highlight local businesses scheduling
- Vermilion At Work video interview and business visit (2 businesses)
- Business Expansion meeting to discuss location and grant opportunities (Prospect Fly)
- Presentation of LDRC Program at Vermilion Parish Police Jury Meeting, February 1
- WIB Occupation Forecasting Zoom Meeting
- VEDA + LEDA Resource Meeting with Mandi Mitchell
- VEDA + Twin Parish Port Meeting with Wendell Verret and Tammy Gordon
- Local business discussion to network and identify expansion opportunities

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

5 Government Engagements

1 Community initiatives

- Vermilion River Alliance Summit Meeting
- Rails to Trails program discussions for municipalities
- Vermilion Parish Coastal Restoration and Protection Committee meeting
- Vermilion Parish Police Jury Meeting, February 15
- Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) Monthly Board Meeting
- Gave Public Comment during CPRA Public Hearing re: Coastal Master Plan & Annual Plan

## DEDICATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

2 General Media

- VEDA Monthly Board Meeting
- VEDA Sustainable Funding Committee meeting
- VEDA Stakeholder Appreciation Dinner
- VEDA Internal Meeting with Ben Rivera and Nikki Vidos
- VEDA Board Retreat preparations and planning calls
- Planning with VPSB on Workforce Development Career Campus event
- VEDA Stakeholder Dinner Planning meeting with Claire Broussard
- VEDA Board Retreat
- LIDEA Basic Economic Development Course in New Orleans

