



VERMILION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

2023 | APRIL

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

6 Prospects

2 Projects

- **Prospect Grinds:** issues w/ property apron and state roads; waiting on DOTD funding
- **Prospect Carnival:** business and city in review of plans, discussions continue
- **Prospect Polywaf:** property survey for city/private land ownership; developer in review
- Prospect Smoke: progress temporarily paused by owner
- **Prospect Chopper:** location and property owner discussions
- **Prospect Steer:** moving forward with different funding route, engaging with LEED Center
- Project Corridor: waiting to be brought before council for vote
- Project Transport: Pivoting to funding alternatives, coalition lead

EXISTING BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

5 Business Visits & Requests

1 Business Events

- City communications committee strategy meeting
- Vermilion Parish Job Fair planning efforts with local organization, 2 meetings in April
- Enterprise Zone discussions with inquiring business representative and LED personnel
- Working to learn more on state incentive programs to assist businesses as resource
- Local processing facility tour with regional partner to further business assistance
- Connecting local business with loan assistance opportunity through disaster recovery funds
- Compiled demographic reports for parish and municipalities reflective of 2023 to date

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6 Government Engagements

4 Community Initiatives

- U.S. Senator Kennedy Congressional Staff Vermilion Parish Tour and Industry Day
- Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) virtual monthly board meeting
- Vermilion Delegation Invitation to Legislative Crawfish Boil
- VEDA meeting with Town of Gueydan Mayor, Alderman and VEDA President
- Vermilion Parish Police Jury monthly meetings (2)
- Vermilion Parish Coastal Committee meeting
- Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX) Community Action Meeting in Abbeville
- Meeting with consultant agency to discuss socioeconomics of Vermilion Parish
- Vermilion Day at the Louisiana Legislature attendance
- Acadiana Planning Commission Lunch & Learn on Carbon Capture along with VPPJ jurors

DEDICATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

5 Current Initiatives

- Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Meeting hosted in Abbeville
- VEDA Monthly Board Meeting
- Planning call with Vermilion Parish School Board staff for VEDA collaboration efforts
- Calls and coordinating business meetings with Louisiana Economic Development
- Leadership Vermilion Session 7: Economic Drivers and Coastal Sustainability, Speaker
- Grant Opportunity Zoom Meeting to provide information, Acadiana Planning Commission
- Call with LED's LDRC personnel and VEDA's Strategic Planning Committee for planning overview and program timeline

