

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2024
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Patrick Duhon called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex, 407 Charity Street, Abbeville, La.

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

The following members were present at the meeting: Mr. Patrick Duhon, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Ms. Anita Dupuis, Ms. Kristin Vincent, Ms. Anne T. Falgout, Mr. Joshua Anderson, and Ms. Nikki Vidos

The following members were absent: Mr. Elliot Broussard, Ms. Claire Broussard, Ms. Kristy Doucet-Touchet, Ms. Linda Vincent, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande and Mr. Jacob Landry

The following guests were present: Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDA, and Miss Harper Duhon

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments regarding any of the items on the agenda.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 9, 2024, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Nikki Vidos. Mr. Ben Rivera duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Nikki Vidos presented the Treasurer's Report. The board was provided with a list of invoices and expenses totaling \$1,337.37. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the invoices. Mr. Joshua Anderson duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Shari Cormier presented the proposed 2025 budget to the board. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux noted changes that were made from the previous budget. Mr. Ben Rivera motioned the board to accept the proposed 2025 budget as presented. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Cormier then presented the proposed 2024 budget amendment to the board. She noted that the proposal included removing \$40,000 from Director's Salaries and distributing those funds into Assistant's Salary (\$3,000.00), IT Costs (\$2,000.00), Consulting Expenses (\$28,000.00), and Miscellaneous (\$7,000.00). She also noted that the total income was adjusted to \$38,412.71. Mr. Ben Rivera motioned the board to accept the proposed 2024 budget amendment. Ms. Kristin Vincent duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Shari Cormier presented the board with a report showing the progress of the projects that she is currently working on. She informed the board that VEDD's records retention plan has been approved by the State Archives Dept. and a disposal request has been submitted. She also informed the board that the office has received notice from the Vermilion Parish Police Jury of their plan to close the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex on April 30, 2025. She noted that she has started the annual Shop Small business promotions for Small Business Saturday on November 30, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There was no update from the Transition Committee.

There was no update from the Workforce Development Committee.

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the update for the Hometown Revitalization Program Committee. He noted that all three of the projects are progressing as expected. He also informed the board of the Police Jury's decision not to fill their open positions on our board.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout gave the update for the Communications and Promotions Committee. She noted the plan to submit 4 newsletters in the coming weeks, covering topics such as the shop small program, One Acadiana's services, holiday promotions, project recaps and VEDA farewell.

There was no update from the Business and Industry Development Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Nikki Vidos informed the board that the stakeholder event that was tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2024, has been cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

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

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mr. Ben Rivera, duly seconded by Ms. Anne T. Falgout and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout
Secretary