

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2024
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Patrick Duhon called the meeting to order at 5:35 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. Kristin Vincent, Ms. Anne T. Falgout, Ms. Claire Broussard, Ms. Linda Vincent and Ms. Nikki Vidos

The following members were absent: Mr. Elliot Broussard, Mr. Joshua Anderson, Ms. Kristy Doucet-Touchet, Ms. Anita Dupuis and Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande

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 November 13, 2024, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Nikki Vidos. Ms. Anne T. Falgout 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 \$421.85. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the invoices. Ms. Claire Broussard 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 disposal request has been approved and she is currently going through those files. She also noted that 7 businesses participated in VEDD's Shop Small business promotions for Small Business Saturday. Each business received Shop Small merchandise and an ad on VEDD's Facebook and Instagram pages.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Nikki Vidos gave the update for the Transition Committee. She informed the board about future incentive program and structure changes at Louisiana Economic Development (LED). She also noted that LED is in the process of developing a strategic plan for the state.

There was no update from the Workforce Development Committee.

There was no update from the Hometown Revitalization Program Committee.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout gave the update for the Communications and Promotions Committee. She noted that they are planning 2 more newsletters before the end of the year.

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

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Cormier presented the board with a list VEDD's 2025 board meeting dates. She noted that VEDD is required to post the meeting dates in the Abbeville Meridional at the beginning of every year.

Mr. Ben Rivera was asked by the board to resend his resignation that would have been effective on December 31, 2024. The board had concerns about their ability to reach a quorum for future meetings. Mr. Rivera agreed to continue his service to the board, and asked Ms. Cormier to reach out to the Police Jury to see if they are any concerns about his resending the resignation.

Ms. Cormier informed the board that the maintenance fee for VEDD's website will need to be paid before the end of the year. She noted the price was \$650.00 per year. Ms. Claire Broussard motioned the board to pay the website maintenance fee for one year at \$650.00. Ms. Kristin Vincent duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

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, January 8, 2025.

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

Ms. Anne T. Falgout
Secretary