

MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2025  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Patrick Duhon called the meeting to order at 5:35PM. The meeting was held at the City of Abbeville Meeting Room, 1905 Veterans Memorial Drive, 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, Ms. Claire Broussard, Ms. Linda Vincent, Ms. Kristy Doucet-Touchet, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Joshua Anderson, Ms. Anne T. Falgout, Ms. Nikki Vidos, and Ms. Anita Dupuis

The following members were absent: Mr. Elliot Broussard, Ms. Kristin Vincent, and Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande

The following guests were present: Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDA

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 12, 2025, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Ben Rivera. Ms. Claire Broussard duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Shari Cormier presented the Treasurer's Report. The board was provided with a list of invoices paid with Executive Committee approval in April totaling \$1,891.85. She noted that there were no invoices due in May. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Anne Falgout 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 everything had been cleared out of the VEDD office ahead of the April 30, 2025, deadline and a P.O. Box had been secured to receive mail. She also noted that VEDD had completed an audit from the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Mr. Rivera noted that the post office box may need to be discontinued, and all mail returned after VEDD's closure due to liability issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Nikki Vidos gave an update from the Transition Committee. She noted that the bill containing VEDD's request to repeal its legislation has been approved by the Senate and is awaiting review from the House of Representatives.

Ms. Claire Broussard gave an update from the Workforce Development Committee. She noted that she plans to encourage Mr. Lonnie Richard with the Vermilion Parish School Board to attend the One-Acadiana's workforce event.

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the update from the Hometown Revitalization Program Committee. He noted speaking with Sellers & Associates, who are overseeing the projects, and was told that official approval had not yet been granted, but that the outlook for each of the projects look favorable.

There was no update from the Communications and Promotion Committee.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Richard Guilbeaux informed the board that he has contacted VEDD's CPA and legal counsel about the options for the disbursement of VEDD's funds after closure. He noted that the attorney suggested contacting the Attorney General's office for clarification. Mr. Duhon asked

that any request for funds be submitted before the next meeting, so they can be vetted, and the board can vote in accordance with the Attorney General's advice.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Cormier informed the board that VEDA's 2024 Financial Review has been completed. She provided copies of the Sworn Financial Statements to the board members.

Ms. Nikki Vidos motioned the board to go into an executive session. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried. After their discussion, the board returned to regular session with a motion from Ms. Nikki Vidos. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux 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, June 11, 2025, at the Vermilion Parish Library.

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

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Ms. Anne T. Falgout  
Secretary