

MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2025
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Patrick Duhon called the meeting to order at 5:35PM. The meeting was held at the Vermilion Parish Library, 405 E. St. Victor 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, Ms. Linda Vincent, Ms. Kristin Vincent, 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. Kristy Doucet-Touchet, Ms. Claire Broussard, 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 May 14, 2025, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Ben Rivera. 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 totaling \$280.00. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ben Rivera duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Shari Cormier reminded the board of their annual ethics requirements and asked that the board members add the due dates to their calendars.

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 both the Senate and the House and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature.

There was no update from the Workforce Development Committee.

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the update from the Hometown Revitalization Program Committee. He noted that all three of the projects submitted have been approved and the approval letters have been received by the Police Jury.

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 received a request for funding from Vermilion Fair and Festival for up to \$15,000. He noted that our legal council has approved the investment as an economic development effort for the community. He motioned the board to approve \$15,000. Ms. Anne Falgout asked that the donation be earmarked to enhance the programmatic efforts. Mr. Guilbeaux agreed and changed his motion to include that the donation will be earmarked for programmatic efforts and not be spent on operational costs. Ms. Anne Falgout duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried. Ms. Falgout discussed a possible ad campaign promoting Vermilion Parish. Ms. Falgout was charged with getting proposals for the advertising campaign. Other suggestions were discussed, and board members were encouraged to bring formal requests to the next meeting.

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, July 9, 2025, at the Vermilion Parish Library.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Falgout", is written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout
Secretary