

MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2025
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING

President Patrick Duhon called the meeting to order at 5:35PM. The meeting was held at the City of Abbeville's Meeting Facility, 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. Linda Vincent, Ms. Kristin Vincent, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Joshua Anderson, Ms. Anne T. Falgout, Ms. Kristy Doucet-Touchet, and Ms. Claire Broussard

The following members were absent: Mr. Elliot Broussard, Ms. Nikki Vidos, Ms. Anita Dupuis, 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.

ACT NO. 92 / VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLOSURE: Ms. Shari Cormier provided the board with a copy of ACT No. 92, signed by Governor Jeff Landry on June 8, 2025. The former SB-29 repeals the Vermilion Economic Development District's legislation, closing the organization on the date of the Governor's signature. She noted that this special meeting was called in order to complete the organization's business.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 11, 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 totaling \$598.00. Mr. Ben Rivera motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the invoices. Ms. Anne Falgout duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Cormier provided the board with copies of the proposed 2025 budget amendment. She noted changes that allowed all uncommitted funds to be moved into the Business Development category. The new total budget was changed to \$78,886.82 and total income was changed to \$400.00. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to accept the changes and amend the budget. Ms. Claire Broussard duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: There was no report provided to the board.

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

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave an update from the Workforce Development Committee. He noted that the committee is still working with the Vermilion Parish School Board's internship program.

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.

There was no update from the Communications and Promotion Committee.

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

Ms. Anne Falgout motioned the board to disband all standing and ad hoc committees due to the closing of the organization. Ms. Kristin Vincent duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

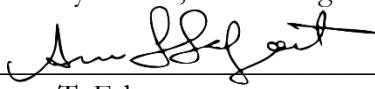
OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Richard Guilbeaux discussed the disbursement of funds left in the Vermilion Economic Development District's accounts. He noted a request from the Vermilion Parish School Board for their High School Embedded Internship Initiative Program. He explained that the workforce development program is designed to connect Vermilion Parish employers with high school students looking for internship opportunities. He noted that any approved funds would be earmarked to assist with program promotion, employer engagement, student placement and ongoing support for both the students and business partners. The board also discussed the possibility of a billboard advertising campaign focused on the promotion of Vermilion Parish restaurants and tourism, but without a staff to manage it, the board determined that this effort could not be initiated. After a general discussion, Mr. Ben Rivera motioned the board to approve a \$40,000 donation to the Vermilion Parish School Board for their High School Embedded Internship Initiative. Ms. Kristy Doucet-Touchet duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

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: Due to ACT No. 92 repealing their legislation on June 8, 2025, this will be the final meeting of the Vermilion Economic Development District.

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mr. Joshua Anderson, duly seconded by Ms. Linda Vincent and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Ms. Anne T. Falgout
Secretary