

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Judge's Library, on the second floor of the Courthouse in Abbeville, La.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ruben Rivera

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Pat Rost with the following members present:

Mr. Ruben Rivera, Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Kevin Sagrera, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Carlton Campbell, and Mr. Paul Bourgeois

The following members were absent:

Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Francis Plaisance, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Kirk Frith, and Mr. Allen LeMaire

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, VEDD, and Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave the Treasurer's report. He reviewed invoices and expenses that were in need of payment. Upon motion by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Kevin Sagrera and unanimously carried, the invoices, totaling \$453.21, were approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that a form has been added to VEDD's website that will allow property owners to list their properties for sale or lease.

Ms. Falgout also informed the board that a job description for possible interns has been sent to the internship director at U.L. and there seems to be some interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Darin Desormeaux spoke of the recent contact he has had with business owners within the Maurice area. He informed the board that he has initiated contact between four of these businesses

and the VEDD office. Mr. Desormeaux requested a way of tracking the progress that the office has made with these businesses, as well as other businesses within the parish.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that she has been asked to run for a seat on the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce board. As this would require a three year commitment, she was requesting the board's opinion. It was the board's recommendation that she run for the open seat.

Ms. Falgout also informed the board that she was asked to go through the Leadership Vermilion Program Course at a cost of \$500.00. Mr. Darin Desormeaux motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to apply for admission into this program and to pay the \$500.00 fee, if she is accepted. Mr. Carlton Campbell seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by the board.

Ms. Falgout suggested that the board purchase a table at the Taste of Vermilion event being held in November. A board member then came forward with a possible donor to sponsor the VEDD table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board that the next Focus Area Prioritization Committee meeting will be held on September 14, 2015.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in the month of August. She also spoke of interviews and presentations that were given, as well as, boards and committees on which she has served during the past month.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Ms. Pat Rost, duly seconded by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary