

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 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. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Ruben Rivera,
Mr. Francis Plaisance, Mr. Darin Desormeaux, Mr. Kirk Frith, Mr. Allen LeMaire
Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Ms. Pat Rost, and Mr. Kevin Sagera

The following members were absent:

Mr. Donald Menard, Ms. Cynthia Dudley, and Ms. Gale Smith

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, VEDD, Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD, Mr. Chris Rosa,
Mr. Bob Hensgens, Mr. Ron Darby, and Mr. Elbert Dawson

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Kevin Segrera, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave the Treasurer's report. He reviewed invoices that were paid earlier in June, but had not been approved because of a lack of board members to make a quorum at our June 1, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kirk Frith, and duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois to approve payment of these invoices totaling \$946.75. This motion was unanimously carried by the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in the month of May. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout updated the board on the Business Retention and Expansion Training Course she intended in May. She shared ideas that she would like to put in place in Vermilion Parish.

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux updated the board on the changes being made to the Act. He stated that the bill has passed both the House and Senate with one minor change and should be signed by the Governor this week.

Mr. Ruben Rivera reminded the board that the annual elections for new officers will be held at the July board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board that the Town of Erath's new board appointee, Mr. Jacob Landry, should be invited to the next board meeting. The board is currently awaiting a written resignation from the current representative, Mr. Donald Menard.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout presented to the board with the opportunity to purchase advertisement space in the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce's Community Guide. She suggested a ¼ page add that would cost \$940.00. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux and duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois to approve the purchase of this advertisement in the amount of \$940.00. This motion was unanimously carried by the board.

Ms. Falgout also presented to the board with another advertising opportunity in Site Selection Magazine. This ad is for the new Southern Louisiana Economic Development Guide. Ms. Falgout suggested a 1/3 page ad in the amount of \$1,950.00. Mr. Kirk Frith motioned the board to approve the purchase of this ad in the amount of \$1,950.00. This motion was seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance and it was unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested the creation of a committee to prioritize the focus areas for Vermilion Parish and return to the board with their suggestions regarding other committees. Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Ruben Rivera and Mr. Richard Guilbeaux volunteered to be on this committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Kevin Segrera, and unanimously carried, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary