

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2016
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. Shari Cormier with the following members present:

Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Kirk Frith, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Darin Desormeaux and Ms. Sarah Trahan

The following members were absent:

Ms. Cynthia Dudley, Mr. Kevin Sagraera, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Jacob Landry, and Ms. Gale Smith

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, VEDD, Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD, and Mr. Nash Patel

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Ruben Rivera introduced Mr. Nash Patel as the new representative from the City of Abbeville. Mr. Patel replaces Mr. Francis Plaisance and will serve a four year term, ending June 6, 2020.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting were approved by a motion made by Mr. Darin Desormeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the June invoices and expenses, totaling \$820.44. Upon motion by Mr. Kirk Frith, duly seconded by Mr. Darin Desormeaux and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

As was directed at the May meeting Ms. Anne T. Falgout reported that of the businesses who responded to our request for information, fifteen people were hired as a result of the job fair.

Mr. Ruben Rivera presented the board with two letters that would be sent to the appointing authority regarding the absenteeism of their respective board members. Mr. Kirk Frith offered suggestions for changes to be made to the first letter in order to clarify the issue and request a response from the appointing authority. Mr. Paul Bourgeois motioned the board to accept the letters with the changes that were suggested. Mr. Jason Picard duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout asked the board for their recommendations concerning the billboard contract that is to be renewed on 6/26/2016. Mr. Darin Desormeaux motioned the board to renew only the Erath board, let all other boards expire and get on a waiting list for a billboard in the Maurice area. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ruben Rivera asked the board's opinion regarding the need for board approval when the office is asked to participate in grant applications. After a general discussion, the board agreed that any use of the Vermilion Economic Development District/Alliance name and/or requiring any expenditure would need board approval.

Ms. Falgout asked the board's opinion about how they would like any vacation request handled. The board agreed that the request should be mailed to the executive committee and records should be kept at the office.

Ms. Falgout informed the board of a program out of Quebec that would provide interns at no cost to businesses throughout the country. The board declined to pursue this matter.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that she had requested and received a credit card application from Vermilion Bank as was discussed at a previous meeting. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to complete the application with a \$2,500.00 credit limit. Mr. Darin Desormeaux duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Guilbeaux also motioned the board to follow the same signatures that are on the checking account. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Kirk Frith and unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout informed the board about a proposed State of the Economy event suggested by the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce. The event would possibly be a joint venture with the board's approval. The board agreed that Ms. Falgout should continue her discussion with the Chamber Director and report back to the board with more details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that the Branding Agribusiness Committee meeting did not occur because of lack of attendance and will need to be rescheduled.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room, but the meeting date may be changed to Monday, July 18, 2016 because of the holiday.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Pat Rost
Secretary