

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2017
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Pat Rost called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. 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 Ms. Pat Rost.

Ms. Pat Rost requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Shari Cormier, with the following members present:

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Jason Picard,
Ms. Sarah Trahan, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Pat Rost and
Mr. Ruben Rivera,

The following members were absent:

Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Nash Patel, Mr. Jacob Landry, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande and Mr.
Kirk Frith

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Ben Rivera, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the invoices and expenses, totaling \$659.81. Upon motion by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, duly seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout presented pricing and the agenda for the Leadership Exchange trip to Lexington, KY, as discussed at the December meeting. After a brief discussion, the board asked that the matter be tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury has rescinded the appointment of Mr. Ronald Menard. Mr. Paul Bourgeois suggested that names of possible replacements be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that her LIDEA Membership is up for renewal. She presented pricing that included membership along with the annual conference fee for \$400.00. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to allow the \$400.00 payment for both the membership and conference fee. Mr. Ben Rivera seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout presented the board with the order forms for the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet, at a cost of \$40.00 per ticket. Mr. Ben Rivera offered to purchase the tickets for Ms. Falgout.

Ms. Falgout presented the board with a copy of an article that was published in the Abbeville Meridional on January 3, 2016. The article featured VEDD's accomplishments in 2016.

The board had a lengthy discussion about possible funding sources, as well as the collecting of information regarding new businesses opening in the parish. Ms. Pat Rost informed the board that she would work with Ms. Falgout to research possible funding sources and present the findings at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Pat Rost requested a list of committee members and their contact information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Ben Rivera, duly seconded by Ms. Sarah Trahan and unanimously carried, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Gale Smith
Secretary