

MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 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:

Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Nash Patel, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Patrick Duhon, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, and Ms. Sarah Trahan

The following members were absent:

Mr. Jacob Landry, Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, and Mr. Kirk Frith

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Jason Picard, duly seconded by Ms. Megan Lalande, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the invoices and expenses, totaling \$771.69. Upon motion by Mr. Carlton Campbell, duly seconded by Ms. Sarah Trahan and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

Mr. Patrick Duhon entered the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board that although the Rural Business Development Grant does allow a no match option in its point system, VEDD would lose a significant amount of points by going with that choice. She added that the likelihood of our award would be determined by the number of points we score. Ms. Falgout presented the board with options that would allow for 30 points, 20 points and 10 points, as well as the no match option that was discussed at the previous meetings. After a discussion between board members, Ms. Megan Lalande motioned the board to allow a dedication of \$63,750.00 of money that is in the VEDD account to be used as a match for a grant

request of \$61,250.00. This would be a total project cost of \$125,000.00 and this option would award VEDD 20 points. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Picard and passed with only Mr. Ben Rivera's opposition.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that the Rural Business Development Grant requires a specific project, which will need to be detailed in the grant paperwork. Ms. Falgout requested the board's approval to focus of the project on Vermilion Parish's Existing Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Development. She stated that this would include 80% of VEDA's current services. Mr. Carlton Campbell motioned the board to apply for the grant using Vermilion Parish's Existing Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Development as the focus of the Rural Business Development Grant Application. Ms. Megan Lalande seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout then asked the board's permissions to allow Ms. Pat Rost to sign the resolutions needed to show the board's approvals for the grant application. This includes the grant project scope, the funding match, as well as the board's approval to file for the grant itself. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to allow Ms. Pat to sign the resolutions. This motion was seconded by Ms. Megan Lalande and passed with only Mr. Ben Rivera's opposition. Mr. Carlton Campbell asked that the board receive copies of these resolutions.

Ms. Falgout gave the board an update on the presentation given by the University of Louisiana's Campaigns Class. She stated that both presentations were great and that several of the proposed ideas could be implemented.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout asked the board how they wanted to handle the supporter invoices for 2017. She offered to accompany each board member as they meet with the supporting entity to deliver the invoices, if that was the board's choice. Mr. Ben Rivera motioned the board to have Ms. Falgout accompany each of the board members as they deliver the invoices and speak to the supporting entities about VEDD. Mr. Dane Hebert seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout provided the board with a written report detailing the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in the month of April.

#### NEXT MEETING

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

#### ADJOURN

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

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Ms. Gale Smith  
Secretary