

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2017  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:20 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 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. Richard Guilbeaux, Ms. Pat Rost, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Patrick Duhon, and Mr. Dane Hebert

The following members were absent:

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

The following guests were present:

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

### MINUTES

The minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Jason Picard, duly seconded by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, and unanimously carried by the board.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Aidan Broussard gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the invoices and expenses, totaling \$1,987.67. Also included in the report were catering charges from the Stakeholder Event that were previously approved in the amount of \$993.00. Upon motion by Mr. Paul Bourgeois, duly seconded by Mr. Jason Picard and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout gave the board an update on the checks that have been received from the supporting entity invoices that were distributed in July. She also informed the board that the office has submitted a request to the USDA for the first draw of grant funds.

Ms. Falgout updated the board on the Stakeholder Appreciation Dinner that was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 in Erath, LA. She provided the board with a list people who attended, as well as the final cost of the event. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux suggested hosting the event twice a year in various locations around the parish. Ms. Falgout will look into the possibilities of another event to be held around March and report to the board at the February meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout presented the board with the adjustments she would like to make to the VEDA Action Plan for 2018. She also noted that she plans to apply for another USDA grant in 2018.

Ms. Falgout presented the board with a calendar noting the days she will be out of the office for vacation/maternity leave. Her absence from the office will begin on December 11, 2017 and she will return on January 24, 2018. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to approve Ms. Falgout's maternity leave schedule. Mr. Paul Bourgeois seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board of his plans to talk to Gabe Marceaux and gather the information needed for the board to decide on whether to attempt a millage for funding economic development and how to navigate the process. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux noted the need to discuss other funding options and offered to serve on the committee.

Mr. Ruben Rivera also informed the board that Ms. Falgout has sent a letter to Andrew Granger with the LSU Ag Center, requesting information about the possibilities of branding beef in Vermilion Parish.

## 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 November.

## NEXT MEETING

Mr. Paul Bourgeois motioned the board to amend the agenda and change the date of the next board meeting to Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Ms. Pat Rost seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

## ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Aidan Broussard, duly seconded by Mr. Jason Picard and unanimously carried, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Ms. Gale Smith  
Secretary