

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2018  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:12 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. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Patrick Duhon, and Mr. Dane Hebert

The following members were absent:

Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, 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 January 22, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Carlton Campbell, duly seconded by Ms. Pat Rost, and unanimously carried by the board.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Aidan Broussard gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the invoices and expenses, totaling \$577.10. Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Ms. Pat Rost and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

Mr. Ruben Rivera presented the insurance policy renewal cost to the board. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to approve the renewal of the three insurance policies at the total cost of \$3,031.87. Ms. Pat Rost duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Anne T. Falgout informed the board that Senator Jonathon Perry has offered the use of his building for a Stakeholder Appreciation Dinner for the west side of the parish, to be held on March 21, 2018. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to go forward with the planning of the event as long as the cost does not exceed \$1,500.00. Mr. Dane Hebert duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board of the upcoming Statewide Economic Development Summit that will be held on February 27, 2018 in Baton Rouge. She informed the board that the cost to attend would be \$165.60 for registration and travel. Mr. Carlton Campbell motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to attend. Mr. Jason Picard duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board that he has a spot on the digital billboard in Erath, LA that he would like to donate to VEDA at no cost. After a general discussion, it was decided that the billboard should include pictures of Ms. Falgout along with other board members. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to go forward with the billboard if we can get permission for use of the pictures. Mr. Dane Hebert duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission was planning to move out of their building on Veterans Memorial Drive. She informed the board that she had spoken to Mayor Piazza about moving the VEDA office into that building and he agreed but would like Ms. Falgout to put together a proposal and bring it before the council for approval. Ms. Falgout also informed the board that she was waiting to hear from the USDA grant administrator about the handicap access in the building before going forward. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to have Ms. Falgout go forward with the proposal if she received a favorable answer from the USDA. Mr. Aidan Broussard duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms Falgout informed the board about an IEDC webinar, about cultivating a great outdoor recreation economy, that she would like to attend. She stated that the cost of the online webinar would be no more than \$135.00 and would allow her to invite stakeholders to attend at no extra cost. Mr. Jason Picard motioned the board to allow her to attend the webinar. Mr. Patrick Duhon duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Branding Agribusiness Committee informed the board that Ms. Anne Falgout and Mr. Dane Hebert would present the previously proposed project to the Vermilion Parish Cattlemen's Association later this week and gauge interest in participation.

## 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 January.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

## ADJOURN

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

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Ms. Gale Smith  
Secretary