

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Dane Hebert called the meeting to order at 5:11 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. Dane Hebert.

Mr. Dane Hebert requested a moment of silence.

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

Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux,
Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Patrick Duhon, and Mr. Dane Hebert

The following members were absent:

Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Kirk Frith, Ms. Pat Rost,
Ms. Sarah Trahan, Ms. Gale Smith, and Mr. Nash Patel

The following guests were present:

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Carlton Campbell, duly seconded by Mr. Jacob Landry, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the invoices and expenses, totaling \$1,618.45. Upon motion by Mr. Jason Picard, duly seconded by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dane Hebert reminded the board that the annual election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

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.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that she met with the USDA Grant Representative, Mary Kirk and that one of the requirements is that we open a bank account specifically to receive the grant money. She also noted that this bank account information would need to be given to the USDA in order for them to direct deposit the funds. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to allow for a

resolution to open a bank account specific to this grant program. He stated that this account would be opened at Vermilion Bank and use the same parameters as our previous accounts. Mr. Ben Rivera seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout spoke about a current prospect she is working with. She noted that they are currently trying to secure CDBG funding to run the infrastructure needed to make the project possible. She informed the board that this funding will not cover the entire cost of the project and that the board may need to decide if the Special Project Fund could be used to help with the cost of the project.

Ms. Falgout discussed a possible \$7,100.00 reimbursement of expenses from the Acadiana Economic Development Council (AEDC) and the need to return the signed Memorandum of Understanding in order to collect the funds. Mr. Ben Rivera motioned to board to allow President Pat Rost to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of VEDA. Mr. Patrick Duhon seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

On behalf of Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Ms. Anne Falgout requested that the board assist in coming up with new goals for the Existing Business Committee, because the original goals have been accomplished.

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 August.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Gale Smith
Secretary