

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2018  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:10 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, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Patrick Duhon,  
Ms. Roslyn White, Ms. Christine Trahan, Mr. Elliot Broussard and Mr. Ruben Rivera

The following members were absent:

Ms. Gale Smith, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Jacob Landry, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr.  
Gerrod Brasseux, Mr. Carlton Campbell, and Ms. Tammy Gordon

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, VEDD, Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD and Lawana Stokes, SLCC

There were no public comments regarding any of the items on the agenda.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Ruben Rivera discussed his concerns about continuing as board president because of the possibility that he will be running for the Louisiana House of Representatives seat in March, if the office would become open. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to go into Executive Session to discuss the matter. Mr. Aidan Broussard seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. After their discussion, Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to return to the regular session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roslyn White and unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Patrick Duhon and unanimously carried, Mr. Ruben Rivera was nominated to continue as President for the next term. Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Ms. Roslyn White and unanimously carried, the nominations were closed for the election of President. Mr. Rivera was elected by acclamation.

Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Dane Hebert was nominated to continue as Vice President for another term. Mr. Hebert declined the nomination. Ms. Roslyn White then nominated Mr. Patrick Duhon for the Vice President position, this motion was duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert and unanimously carried. Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert and unanimously carried, the nominations were closed for the election of Vice President. Mr. Patrick Duhon was elected by acclamation.

Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Elliot Broussard and unanimously carried, Mr. Aidan Broussard was nominated to continue his role as Treasurer for the next term. Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Patrick Duhon and unanimously carried, the nominations for the election of Treasurer were closed. Mr. Aidan Broussard was elected by acclamation.

Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Patrick Duhon and unanimously carried, Ms. Megan Lalande was nominated as Secretary for the next term. Upon motion by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Elliot Broussard and unanimously carried the nominations for the election of Secretary were closed. Ms. Megan Lalande was elected by acclamation.

### GUEST

Ms. Lawana Stokes, Campus Director of South Louisiana Community College – Gulf Area Campus, addressed board. She informed the board of the progress that has been made with enrollment since she has been at SLCC and enlisted the board's help in asking the community what skills are most needed in Vermilion Parish. This information would be used to determine the classes that need to be added to their curriculum. Mr. Ruben Rivera requested this to be added to the November agenda to discuss any ideas the board may have.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Dane Hebert, duly seconded by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, and unanimously carried by the board.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Aidan Broussard gave the Treasurer's Report. He provided a list of the invoices and expenses, totaling \$1,017.02. Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Patrick Duhon and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board that music is currently being added to the first video and both she and the video producer think that more needs to be added to the other videos before they are completed. She said that they plan to do more shots of each municipality and at least one other interview.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that she met with Ms. Brittney Lopez (Sunrise Realty), Ms. Roslyn White (Abbeville City Councilwoman) and Ms. Charlene Beckett (Abbeville Main Street) on the Destination Downtown project. This project is meant to promote investment in the downtown area and would consist of a walking tour and open house of vacant properties with a discussion at the end of the event. Ms. Falgout added that the committee decided that it would be best to wait until after the first of the year because of the upcoming festivals and Christmas events. The board agreed to allow Ms. Falgout to continue planning the event. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux asked if the business owners whose property will be shown, as well as the realtors involved, would sponsor the event.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that there has been no new information about the Basic Economic Development Course that was discussed last month. She informed the board that at the

time the course fee was approved the budget did not show a payment that was on her August expense report. Mr. Guilbeaux informed Ms. Falgout that the fee was approved, and she should go forward with the registration.

Ms. Falgout spoke about the VEDA Impact Report that was presented to the board at the last meeting. She informed the board that after attending the LIDEA class last week she has decided to present the information in a different format.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that she would also like to change the format of the Vermilion Prosperity Initiative project in Maurice from a postcard mailout to a Facebook video campaign. She said that a video campaign promoting Maurice businesses would cost less and reach more people. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to allow Ms. Falgout to spend \$350.00 on the video project in Maurice. Mr. Patrick Duhon duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Because of time constraints there were no committee reports given.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

#### NEXT MEETING

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

#### ADJOURN

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

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Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande  
Secretary