

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2019
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera 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 Mr. Ruben Rivera.

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested a moment of silence.

A roll call was done by Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, with the following members present:

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Ms. Christine Trahan, Mr. Dane Hebert, Ms. Roslyn White, Ms. Tammy Gordon, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Elliot Broussard, and Mr. Ruben Rivera

The following members were absent:

Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Patrick Duhon, and Mr. Gerrod Brasseux

The following guests were present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board that the Town of Gueydan has appointed Ms. Anita Dupuis to replace Ms. Gale Smith as their representative for the term ending June 4, 2022. Ms. Megan Lalande motioned the board to ratify the appointment. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Carlton Campbell, duly seconded by Mr. Aidan Broussard, and unanimously carried by the board.

Mr. Dane Hebert entered the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Aidan Broussard gave the Treasurer's Report. He provided a list of the invoices and expenses totaling \$667.26. Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Falgout provided the board with a written report detailing the accomplishments made by the VEDA office in the month of December and gave a review of the progress made in 2018.

Ms. Tammy Gordon entered the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout reminded the board about her request for bios and pictures. She noted that Mr. Jason Picard would be the first board member featured in a board member spotlight.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board that her LIDEA Membership is up for renewal. She presented pricing that included the membership fee and annual conference registration fee for \$425.00. Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande motioned the board to pay \$425.00 total for the membership and conference fee. Mr. Dane Hebert seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce will hold their Installation Dinner on January 30, 2019. She noted that VEDA was nominated for the Forward Vermilion Award and provided registration information in case they would like representation present. Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande donated two tickets for Ms. Falgout and a board member to use.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that she is planning a free-to-the-public social media class to be presented by Klout 9 (formerly Matthew Aaron Agency) on February 7, 2019. She asked the board to approve up to \$100.00 for refreshments. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to approve the expense of \$100.00. Ms. Tammy Gordon duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Falgout provided the board with an updated funding report for 2019 as well as an updated business contact list.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that a meeting has been set to review the third-party fundraising proposals and discuss other possible fundraising methods. She noted that she would email board members the meeting information in case anyone else would like to attend.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that she only received 11 responses from the survey distributed to the Vermilion Cattlemen's Association membership. She asked the board's opinion on how to move forward. Ms. Dupuis suggested contacting the school board about sending the survey through the 4H and FFA programs. She also suggested attending the upcoming Livestock Fair & Festival Show.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Mr. Dane Hebert challenged Ms. Falgout to bring one new business to the parish in 2019.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2019 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, duly seconded by Mr. Aidan Broussard and unanimously carried, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande
Secretary