

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 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 Police Jury conference room, on the second floor of the Courthouse in Abbeville, La.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux.

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested a moment of silence.

The following members were present at the meeting.

Ms. Anita Dupuis, Mr. Patrick Duhon, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Elliot Broussard, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Aidan Broussard and Mr. Ruben Rivera

The following members were absent:

Ms. Christine Trahan, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Jacob Landry, Ms. Roslyn White, Ms. Tammy Gordon, and Mr. Gerrod Brasseur

The following guests were present:

Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Carlton Campbell, duly seconded by Mr. Elliot Broussard, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Aidan Broussard gave the Treasurer's Report. The board was provided a list of the invoices and expenses totaling \$3,983.89. Upon motion by Mr. Jason Picard, duly seconded by Ms. Elliot Broussard and unanimously carried, these invoices were approved for payment.

Mr. Patrick Duhon entered the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout provided the board with a list of accomplishments made by the VEDA office in the month of May. These included: conducting 4 business visits, working with Gabe Marceaux to get information on the Kaplan Rice Mill before her meeting with owner Rick Cloud and adding the Kaplan Retirement Community webpage to the VEDA website. She also noted that she is exploring a DRA grant with One Acadiana for workforce development and an Opportunity Zone grant with the Acadiana Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Shari Cormier noted that the VEDA office is currenting planning their Second-Quarter Business Tune-up: Workforce Programs, to be held at the Vermilion Parish Library on June 20, 2019. The board was supplied with an agenda for the event.

Mr. Ben Rivera noted that the stakeholder invoices will be going out in June and let the board members know that Anne will be reaching out to them individually to discuss their entity.

Ms. Cormier informed the board that they are waiting on legal advice before completing the proposal on the new office space.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cormier informed the board that the office printer is no longer operational and presented the board with prices on a replacement. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to allow up to \$550.00 for the printer and required ink cartridges. He also suggested that the office look into the printing capabilities to determine which printer to purchase. Mr. Aidan Broussard duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A copy of the current funding report was provided, no changes were noted.

Ms. Cormier informed the board the Ms. Falgout has scheduled dates for the board member training. The sessions will be held on June 13, 2019 and June 21, 2019. Mr. Guilbeaux noted that the VEDA office is currently working on a recap sheet that will show figures from the last twelve months and the last four years.

Mr. Rivera spoke of proposed new legislation that will require restaurants to disclose where their seafood is purchased. He noted that this could bring opportunities to Vermilion Parish in the future. Mr. Rivera also informed the board that he and Ms. Falgout had met with Mr. Josh Duhon with Farm Bureau. He noted that federation is different from Farm Bureau's insurance side and that the insurance side does not allow for donations, but may entertain sponsorships, so VEDA may be forwarding sponsorship opportunities to them in the future.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Ms. Anita Dupuis informed the board that the Gueydan Community Outreach Festival went well, and they are planning another event to be held in October.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District is scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM. in the Judge's Library/Conference Room.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande
Secretary