

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2019  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM. The meeting was held in the Judges Library, on the second floor of the Courthouse in Abbeville, La.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Elbert Dawson.

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested a moment of silence.

The following members were present at the meeting.

Mr. Patrick Duhon, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Jason Picard, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande and Mr. Gerrod Brasseux

The following members were absent:

Mr. Jacob Landry, Ms. Roslyn White, Mr. Elliot Broussard, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Tammy Gordon and Ms. Anita Dupuis

The following guests were present:

Ms. Anne T. Falgout, VEDD, Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD, Mr. Elbert Dawson, Ms. Elizabeth DeBaillon and Mr. Duane Dartez

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board that Ms. Tammy Gordon has been reappointed to represent the Town of Delcambre for the new term beginning August 1, 2019 and ending August 1, 2023. Mr. Dane Hebert motioned the board to ratify the appointment. Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Jason Picard, duly seconded by Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, 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 \$650.56. Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert and unanimously carried, the invoices were approved for payment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout provided the board with a list of accomplishments made by the VEDA office in the month of July. These included: conducting 1 business visit, answering 22 requests for information, and planning and hosting the Abbeville Opportunity Zone Stakeholder Meeting with Acadiana Planning Commission and One Acadiana. Ms. Falgout noted initiatives that she is currently working on such the UL Seafood Study, the Former Herod Community Group, Abbeville Opportunity Zone and the Site Location Partnership Project.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout presented the board with a proposed lease from Red Royal House Buyers. She noted her concern that the lease is for one year. The board asked Ms. Falgout to meet with Kaptel regarding our phone and internet charges and obtain legal advice regarding the lease before the board votes on the matter.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that she did not get a response from all of the board members regarding the date/time/location change of the board meetings. Several board members had concerns about the proposed new meeting date. The board asked that Ms. Falgout contact the remaining board members for their opinions and bring a proposal back to the board next month.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout informed the board about the upcoming Statewide Economic Development Summit. This event will be held in Baton Rouge on October 22 and 23, 2019. Ms. Falgout noted that her registration fee has been paid by One Acadiana, but due to budget restraints she will cover her travel costs.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Falgout provided the board members with a list of invoices that have been sent to the stakeholders.

### BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

There were no updates provided.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be scheduled at a later date.

### 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