

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2019
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex, 407 Charity Street, Abbeville, La.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Patrick Duhon.

Mr. Ruben Rivera requested a moment of silence.

The following members were present at the meeting.

Mr. Patrick Duhon, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Ms. Tammy Gordon, Ms. Roslyn White, Mr. Jeremy Lartigue and Ms. Anita Dupuis

The following members were absent:

Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Elliot Broussard, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr. Jason Picard and Mr. Gerrod Brasseux

The following guests were present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Mr. Jacob Landry, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Ruben Rivera gave the Treasurer's Report. The board was provided with a list of the invoices and expenses totaling \$1,180.56. Upon motion by Ms. Tammy Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Patrick Duhon and unanimously carried, the invoices were approved for payment.

Mr. Rivera presented VEDD's 2020 budget to the board on behalf of the budget committee. Ms. Falgout noted changes that were made from the previous budget. Mr. Patrick Duhon motioned the board to accept the 2020 budget. Mr. Jacob Landry duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that the initiation agreement for VEDD's 2019 compilation has been received but because we have not received funding for minimum amount of \$75,000, we have been advised by the CPA to hold the agreement until the end of the year. Ms. Tammy Gordon motioned the board to allow the board president, Ben Rivera, to sign the engagement letter if our total revenue exceeds \$75,000 or any appropriate paperwork needed in the event we do not reach the minimum required for the compilation. Mr. Jacob Landry duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Anne T. Falgout provided the board with a list of accomplishments made by the VEDD office in the month of October. These included: conducting 2 business visits, answering 3 requests for information and working with 2 local craftsmen to market their creations to the public and wholesale buyers. She also worked with 8 business prospects/projects to meet their specific requests. She added that she met with Andrew Dozier of Kiwanis of Abbeville to discuss their plan for the Kiwanis Educator Award, aided in adding their information to a dormant website and made a connection to Lafayette Education Foundation for sharing resources and best practices. She informed the board that she was recognized as a 2019 Women's United "Women who Means Business".

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout updated the board on Prospect Skin. She informed the board that the bank's loan committee has not met to discuss his loan application. She noted that once the bank has made its determination, VEDD will move forward with its financing.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout presented the board with information on the Fabtech Trade Show that she will be attending on November 11 – 13, 2019. She noted her preparation and goals for the event.

Ms. Falgout presented the board with details on two new expansion projects (Babs and Doe) and one new venture (Boomerang) that she is currently working with business owners to meet their needs. The three businesses located in Abbeville and Kaplan are all in the manufacturing industry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Falgout presented the board with a Public Meeting Notice that was requested of her by the Sustainable Funding Committee after their meeting on October 7, 2019. Ms. Falgout supplied the board with a copy of the notice stating that a public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex to discuss the levy of a parcel fee. She noted that the notice was reviewed and approved by Mr. Calvin Woodruff. Mr. Patrick Duhon motioned the board to have the notice printed in the Abbeville Meridional. Mr. Jacob Landry duly seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

There were no updates from board members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande
Secretary