

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Patrick Duhon called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Elliot Broussard.

Mr. Patrick Duhon requested a moment of silence.

The following members were present at the meeting.

Mr. Elliot Broussard, Ms. Tammy Gordon, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Ms. Roslyn White, Mr. Dexter Callahan, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Mr. Jeremy Lartigue, Mr. Carlton Campbell, and Mr. Patrick Duhon

The following members were absent:

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Gerrod Brasseur, Ms. Anita Dupuis, Mr. Jason Picard, and Mr. Jacob Landry

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.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Roslyn White motioned the board to table the annual election of officers until the December meeting because the board president was not in attendance. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell and unanimously carried by the board.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande. The motion was duly seconded by Ms. Roslyn White, and unanimously carried by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Aidan Broussard gave the Treasurer's Report. The board was provided with a list of the invoices and expenses totaling \$780.97. Upon motion by Ms. Tammy Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Dexter Callahan and unanimously carried, the invoices were approved for payment.

Ms. Anne T. Falgout presented VEDD's 2021 budget to the board on behalf of the budget committee. Ms. Falgout noted changes that were made from the previous budget. Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande motioned the board to accept the 2021 budget. Ms. Tammy Gordon 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 visitations with local business owners, assisting 1 jobseeker with their search, answering 14 inquiries from existing businesses, and working with 3 business prospects/projects to meet their specific requests. She worked with local agencies to offer relief to those affected by Hurricane Delta. She also launched Small Business Saturday sign-up and toured the Stine Lumber building with listing agents to uncover more opportunities for reuse.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Falgout provided the board with a list of Small Business Saturday participants. She also included a list of how the board members could help with the November 28, 2020 event. The board suggested notifying the area farmer's markets and the local mayors as they may know of businesses who would like to be involved. Several board members offered their help in delivering materials.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Falgout provided the board with an updated funding report.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Ms. Tammy Gordon informed the board that the Delcambre Farmers Market will be held on Saturday for the first time since the COVID-19 shutdown. She noted that the restrictions only allow for 26 vendors and 250-300 guests. She also informed the board that the City of Delcambre has cancelled their annual Christmas boat parade but will still have the gumbo cook-off. Ms. Roslyn White informed the board that the City of Abbeville will hold their annual Christmas Stroll on December 3, 2020 and their last farmer's market of the year will be held on November 21, 2020. Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande noted that the water from the new water system in Maurice is clearing up as expected, the Village of Maurice is still looking for an Administrative Assistant and the Woodbriar Southern Style Assisted Living and Memory Care will be opening soon.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the District will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande
Secretary