

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. The meeting was held via teleconference per guidelines issued by the Governor's office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Elliot Broussard before a request for a moment of silence by Mr. Ruben Rivera.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Jeremy Lartigue, Mr. Gerrod Brasseur, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Elliot Broussard, Ms. Tammy Gordon, Mr. Aidan Broussard, and Ms. Anita Dupuis

The following members were absent: Mr. Jacob Landry, Ms. Roslyn White, Mr. Patrick Duhon, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr. Jason Picard, and Mr. Dexter Callahan

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 August 4, 2021, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Aidan Broussard, 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 invoices and expenses totaling \$576.34. Mr. Carlton Campbell motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the invoices. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Anne T. Falgout provided the board with a review of the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in August. These included: conducting 3 business visitations, answering 5 inquiries from existing businesses, consulting with 1 pre-venture request, and working with 3 business prospects/projects to meet their specific requests. She hosted the Employer Workshop and the Vermilion Parish Job Fair. She partnered with Dr. Yin at UL Lafayette's Energy Efficiency Center to offer businesses in Vermilion with no-cost energy assessments. Ms. Falgout also worked with Kaplan, Erath, and Abbeville on various projects.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Falgout informed the board that, as directed at the last meeting, she contacted Mr. Calvin Woodruff about possible legal action against Mr. Fitzpatrick. She is also expecting to receive new proposals to get the study completed or at least an analysis of our survey to provide to our cattlemen and local lenders. Ms. Falgout hopes to have more information at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Ruben Rivera informed the board that the Personnel Committee has completed Ms. Shari Cormier's review and the committee's recommendation is to continue her employment at the current rate of pay. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation. Ms. Tammy Gordon duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Ms. Falgout asked the board to table the discussion about Vermilion Branded Merchandise until the September meeting as the information needed was not made available because of Hurricane Ida.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Falgout provided the board with a funding update and noted that the meeting with the Police Jury was postponed because of the current COVID restrictions.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES: The board members each spoke about the areas they represent and shared things happening in their communities.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the District will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 via teleconference.

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, duly seconded by Ms. Tammy Gordon and unanimously carried, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande
Secretary