

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2021  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. The meeting was held at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex, 407 Charity Street, Abbeville, La. and 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. Patrick Duhon, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Gerrod Brasseur, Ms. Tammy Gordon, Mr. Jeremy Lartigue, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Elliot Broussard, Mr. Aidan Broussard, and Ms. Anita Dupuis

The following members were absent: Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Jacob Landry, Ms. Roslyn White, 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 October 6, 2021, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Patrick Duhon. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Jeremy Lartigue, 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 invoices and expenses totaling \$753.83. Mr. Patrick Duhon motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the invoices. Mr. Elliot Broussard duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Ruben Rivera presented VEDD's 2022 budget to the board on behalf of the budget committee. He noted changes that were made from the previous budget. Mr. Patrick Duhon motioned the board to accept the 2022 budget. Ms. Anita Dupuis duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Rivera informed the board that the engagement letter for VEDD's 2021 financial review has been received from the auditors. This document initiates the mandatory review and is used to notify the Louisiana Legislative Auditors that Kolder, Slaven and Company, LLC will be handling the process. Ms. Tammy Gordon motioned the board to allow Mr. Ben Rivera to sign the engagement letter. Mr. Patrick Duhon duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Carlton Campbell entered the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Anne T. Falgout provided the board with a review of the accomplishments made by the VEDD office in October. These included: answering 12 inquiries from existing businesses, consulting with 5 pre-venture requests, and working with 2 business prospects/projects to meet their specific requests. She met with the SLCC Chancellor & staff to discuss their welding curriculum and workforce needs of the local business community. She also launched the Vermilion Community Job Board and received 10 job openings to post from area companies.

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OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Falgout updated the board on the Cattle Industry Study being completed by Fulcrum Sales. They anticipate having the study completed within the next few weeks. She noted that, when received, it will be sent to the board for review, so it can be approved at the following meeting. Mr. Aidan Broussard left the meeting.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that the designs for Vermilion Parish Branded Merchandise being done by Kody Chamberlain should be ready by the end of the week. She noted that she will contact the sub-committee to review the designs as soon as they are received. She also noted that she has a printing and marketing strategy for the designs.

Ms. Falgout discussed the possibility of changing the dates of our board meeting to increase attendance. She noted that two board members cannot attend any meetings because of the Police Jury meeting date change. Mr. Rivera suggested that she contact the Police Jury to discuss any potential solutions before changing VEDD's meeting date.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Falgout informed the board that the VEDD is in the process of signing up businesses for our holiday promotions and Small Business Saturday events.

Ms. Falgout informed the board that VEDD has received an EPA grant to study the water and sewer infrastructure in Vermilion Parish. She noted that she is currently awaiting information from the EPA about the process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Falgout informed the board of the difficulty she has had scheduling a second meeting with the Police Jurors. Mr. Rivera suggested she contact Mr. Keith Roy to suggest an alternate time to meet.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES: Board members shared events and initiatives happening in their respective communities and developed by their appointing authorities.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the District will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex, as well as via teleconference.

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

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Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande  
Secretary