

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2022
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera 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.

Mr. Patrick Duhon led the Pledge of Allegiance before Mr. Rivera requested a moment of silence.

The following members were present at the meeting: Mr. Patrick Duhon, Mr. Ruben Rivera, Mr. Richard Guilbeaux, Mr. Elliot Broussard, Ms. Roslyn White, Mr. Gerrod Brasseur, Mr. Jeremy Lartigue, Mr. Jacob Landry and Ms. Anita Dupuis

The following members were absent: Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Dexter Callahan, Ms. Tammy Gordon, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Aidan Broussard, and Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande

The following guests were present: Ms. Victoria S. Bourque, VEDD, Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD, Ms. Claire Broussard and Ms. Lawana Stokes

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Ruben Rivera announced the board appointments for the new term beginning June 4, 2022 and ending June 4, 2026. The Vermilion Parish Police Jury has appointed Mr. Ruben Rivera to replace Mr. Jason Picard, Ms. Anne Falgout to replace Mr. Patrick Duhon, Ms. Kristy Doucet-Touchet to replace Mr. Gerrod Brasseur and has reappointed Mr. Dexter Callahan and Mr. Aidan Broussard. The Town of Maurice has reappointed Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande. The Vermilion Chamber of Commerce has appointed Ms. Claire Broussard to replace Mr. Ruben Rivera. The Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District has appointed Mr. Patrick Duhon to replace Mr. Carlton Campbell. The Town of Erath has reappointed Mr. Jacob Landry. The City of Abbeville and the City of Kaplan have not yet made their appointments. Mr. Patrick Duhon motioned the board to ratify these nine appointments. Ms. Roslyn White duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 16, 2022, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Patrick Duhon. Mr. Gerrod Brasseur duly seconded the motion, 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 \$524.90. Mr. Richard Guilbeaux motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay the invoices. Mr. Patrick Duhon duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: As June 1, 2022, was Ms. Victoria S. Bourque first day as VEDD's Program Administrator, she gave an oral report on meetings she has attended since accepting the position.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Ruben Rivera read the introductory letter that will be sent to VEDD's stakeholders.

The board discussed how to improve communication between VEDD and the supporting entities. The board felt that the Program Administrator needs to attend entity meetings at least twice per year to give updates on VEDD's progress.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Cormier presented the board with pricing for new business cards for Ms. Bourque. Mr. Rivera noted that this would be considered routine business and did not need board approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Cormier provided the board with an updated funding report.

Mr. Rivera reviewed a portion of VEDD's legislation with the board in order to confirm that it allows for VEDD to charge fees for services. This information will allow him to move forward with gathering information from Vermilion's municipalities regarding possible funding options.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES: The board members 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, July 6, 2022, at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex.

ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande
Secretary