

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2022  
VERMILION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

President Ruben Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM. The meeting was held at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex, 407 Charity Street, Abbeville, La.

Mr. Elliot Broussard 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. Tammy Gordon, Mr. Carlton Campbell, Mr. Jeremy Lartigue, and Ms. Anita Dupuis

The following members were absent: Ms. Roslyn White, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Jacob Landry, Mr. Aidan Broussard, Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande, Mr. Gerrod Brasseur, and Mr. Dexter Callahan.

The following guests were present: Ms. Shari Cormier, VEDD, Ms. Anne T. Falgout, and Miss Harper Duhon

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 2, 2022, meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Carlton Campbell. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Patrick Duhon, 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 \$990.13. Ms. Tammy Gordon motioned the board to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the invoices. Mr. Jeremy Lartigue duly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROGRAM OF WORK: Ms. Shari Cormier provided the board with a report showing the requests received during the transition period and how they were handled.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Falgout recommended to the board that the Vermilion branded design sales be put on hold until the new Program Administrator is hired and acclimated to the position.

Ms. Cormier provided the board with the final costs and sponsorship totals associated with the Farmer's Appreciation Dinner. Ms. Falgout noted that there was representation from every commodity present at the event. She also noted how well the event was received and recommended that it become an annual event. Mr. Ruben Rivera asked that the formation of a Farmers' Appreciation Dinner Committee be added to the May agenda.

Ms. Cormier provided the board with a list of board members whose terms will end on June 4, 2022. She noted that letters will be sent to each entity asking that they select a board representative for the new term. Mr. Rivera mentioned that the focus of VEDA's board members, in the new term, will be the sustainability and continued growth of the organization.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

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

Mr. Rivera updated the board on the search to fill the Program Administrator position. He noted that they received resumes from some promising applicants and that they have scheduled 4 interviews.

Mr. Richard Guilbeaux informed the board that he spoke to Vermilion Bank about the possibility of obtaining a credit card in order to alleviate the need to add recurring items to expense reports. He asked Ms. Cormier to contact the board's accountant, Mr. Rob Carter, for his opinion.

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, May 4, 2022, at the Vermilion Parish Government Office Complex.

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

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Ms. Megan Landry-Lalande  
Secretary