



VERMILION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

2023 | MAY

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

6 Prospects

1 Projects

- **Prospect Grinds:** working to get construction drawings out for state review
- **Prospect Carnival:** progressing and moved into next phase of permitting process
- **Prospect Polywaf:** property survey for city/private land ownership; developer in review
- Prospect Smoke: progress temporarily paused by owner
- **Prospect Chopper:** location and property owner discussions
- **Prospect Steer:** working to complete business plan
- **Prospect Cast:** finalizing business plan, met with bank and connecting with consultant
- Project Corridor: waiting to be brought before council for vote

EXISTING BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

7 Business Visits & Requests

1 Business Events

- Meeting with local business owner to further education opportunities in aviation
- Vermilion Parish Job Fair & training workshop planning efforts with Vermilion Chamber
- Multiple calls with local sea grant agents to discuss local business closing and solutions
- Tour with regional partner in Port of Vermilion and Abbeville Harbor & Terminal; Processing
- Conference call with LED representative and local shrimp stakeholders re: business closure
- Local processing facility tour with regional partner to further business assistance
- Met with (2) local bank to discuss student financial assistance for business expansion efforts
- Local business owner meeting to discuss permitting and certification requirements

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

5 Government Engagements

4 Community Initiatives

- Vermilion Parish Food and Consumer Services Advisory Council Meeting
- Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) virtual monthly board meeting
- Abbeville Main Street Advisory Board/Council Meeting
- Vermilion Parish Police Jury monthly meeting and presentation
- Vermilion Parish Coastal Committee meeting
- United Way of Acadiana call to discuss Early Head Start Center needs and resources
- Call with local Mayor to discuss recreational project assistance
- VEDA + Vermilion Chamber Jobseeker Training event
- Call to discuss Acadiana Women's Network panel speaking event with One Acadiana

DEDICATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

7 Current Initiatives

- Louisiana Workforce Commission Business Outreach Quarterly Meeting
- VEDA Monthly Board Meeting
- Planning call with 2 Sustainable Funding Committee Members re: VPPJ Presentation
- Calls and coordinating business meetings with Louisiana Economic Development
- LDRC Steering Committee Kick Off Event/Meeting
- Zoom Meeting with Acadiana Planning Commission and local municipality re: grant
- Call with State regarding hometown revitalization opportunity
- Planning Farmers Appreciation Dinner, creating graphics, and planning for media release

