

# Central St. Landry Economic Development District

## Board Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: March 12, 2020 @ 8:30 am

Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas, LA 70570

### AGENDA

- Welcome
- Pledge
- Roll Call
- Approval of the February 2020 Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report – Treasurer, Tina Vidrine
- Committee Reports
- New Business
- Old Business
  - Sewer Project Update
  - Lighting Projects Update
  - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
  - EDD Update

The following members were present: Buddy Helton, Tina Vidrine, Senic Batiste and Ammy Taylor

The following member was absent: Dr. Derek Metoyer, Pride Doran and Yvonne Normand

The following non-voting member was present: Bill Rodier (CEO/Director of SLED), Glenda Carriere/SLED-Acting CSLEDD Secretary, Taylor Lormand/SLED

The following non-voting members were absent: Julius Alsandor/Mayor, Bill Fontenot (Parish President), and Jerry Red (Parish Council Chairman)

There were also present: Vince Nicholson/Keller Williams Real Estate and William Jarrell/Morgan Goudeau & Associates

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Approval of February 2020 Commissioner Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the February 2020 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Tina Vidrine to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried out without objection.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Tina Vidrine reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Senic Batiste to accept the financial report as submitted. Motion carried out without objection.

## **Committee Reports:**

Land-use Planning Committee: Bill Rodier discussed the I-49 Corridor Meeting in Committee Chair Yvonne Normand's absence. An I-49 Midway Policy Committee meeting took place to review some type of land use control recommendation, such as Carencro's Land Use Control Plan. The policy group did vote to recommend we go with a plan like Carencro's Land Use Policy then adjust to accommodate and specify the I-49 Corridor from I-10 Exit to Lebeau Exit. Acadiana Planning Commission will continue to collect data for the GIS Format Tool.

Marketing Subcommittee Report: Committee Chair Ammy Taylor reported that she received a phone call from DOTD and they are working on completing the permit for the signage. She left a voicemail for Nick Chachere from DOTD. She then spoke to Tance Fremin from DOTD who will be handling the installation and said as soon as she has the permit in-hand to call him.

Taylor Lormand and Ammy Taylor introduced and presented a sample flyer from another economic development. Klout9 is working on a flyer. They plan to continue to engage with Klout9, updating the website and distributing flyers to move forward with this initiative. They will ask for a press release about the clean-up initiative.

## **Old Business:**

Sewer Project Update and Actions: William Jarrell gave a report on the sewer treatment facility project. In a couple more weeks they should be finishing the civil and mechanical design, except for the electrical. Conversations were had with Entergy on the possibility of needing 10 more feet to go overhead with power. We may have to look at cost for going underground, then 20 feet may be enough. Their office is preparing the discharge permit. William Jarrell stated their office is probably within 30 days of submitting to LDH. The turnaround from LDH is about 30 to 90 days. CEA's are in place and taken care of between us and the city. Clarification was made with William Jarrell, that we are still running this through the parish, but funded through us.

Lighting Project Update and Actions: Chairman Buddy Helton reported that him along with William Jarrell met with DOTD in Baton Rouge as it relates to the lighting project. William Jarrell stated when they previously met with DOTD in Baton Rouge they directed them to do the photometric report and design. Upon presentation of this information, DOTD wants us to provide additional information and make revisions. William stated DOTD does want this project to happen but no one in the state has done something like this before, to take high pressure sodium lighting and go to LED. DOTD is in the process of setting up temporary project numbers for each of these existing interchanges to upgrade their lighting program.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported our contract for the new year is in effect. We are scheduled for one litter and grass cutting this month. Next month we will begin with twice a month, every two-week litter and grass cutting. Work has been initiated along the corridor, particularly Judson Walsh Exit. The inmates have been provided by the Sheriff's office and Solid Waste doing cleanup around the overpasses and bridges getting sediment loosened up. The state department of transportation will come with their sweeper and pick up the sediment off of the bridges and overpasses along the corridor. Solid Waste has dedicated the inmates to do litter pick-ups in between our cycles of grass cutting starting next month in April. Litter will be picked up every week from April through September or October. MANCO will be starting next week with herbicide treatment, using lower grade chemical treatment around trees and stronger treatment on concrete surfaces to have a longer impact. Chairman Buddy Helton stated we should give thanks to Solid Waste, Sheriff's Office, City of Opelousas and Opelousas Police Department for their cooperation in getting this moving forward.

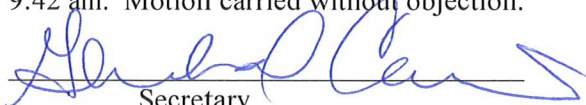
EDD Update - Retail Strategies: CEO/Director Bill Rodier gave an update from Retail Strategies. He stated that we sit in a good position with being one of their higher performing states. The quicker we can get wastewater capacity treatment in place it will put us in a better position for expansion. There is an interest in residential coming in behind Giles. There are

plans to have a traffic study done at Harry Guilbeau and Highway 182 regarding putting a round-about. DOTD has a Stage 0 in progress from last year. CSLEDD has put in capital outlay as it relates to that round-about project.

We need to invite council members Wayne Ardoin and Harold Taylor to our CSLEDD meetings.

Masterplan/Gateway to Acadiana: CEO/Director Bill Rodier reported he continues to be engaged with Boyd and getting a date set for masterplan. We need to get an option agreement on the RV Park. A meeting was to be held on February 27, 2020 to discuss the front side, but the pilot decided to cancel the flight due to weather, therefore they did not come for a meeting. We may have another shot with workforce housing. This is an \$8 million project with 48 units. They would like to be along the I-49 Corridor with a more strategic location that is safe, secure, and affordable.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Senic Batiste to adjourn at 9:42 am. Motion carried without objection.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman