

Central St. Landry Economic Development District

Board Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: May 14, 2020 @ 8:30 am

Meeting Place: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Meeting ID: 889 5857 9320 Password: 914914

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Pledge
- Roll Call
- Approval of the March 2020 Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report – Treasurer, Tina Vidrine
- Committee Reports
- New Business
 - LDG Organizational Assessment Proposal
- Old Business
 - Sewer Project Update
 - Appraisal and Acquisition of Property Adjacent to Current Lift Station for Relocation
 - Lighting Projects Update
 - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
 - EDD Update

The following members were present: Buddy Helton, Tina Vidrine, Yvonne Norman, Senic Batiste, Ammy Taylor, Pride Doran

The following member was absent: Dr. Derek Metoyer

The following non-voting members were present: Bill Rodier (CEO/Director of SLED), Glenda Carriere/SLED-Recording Secretary, and 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: Purvis Morrison/City of Opelousas, Wayne Ardoin/Parish Council Member, William Jarrell/Engineer and Wil Fontenot/SLED Board Member

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Approval of March 2020 Commissioner Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the March 2020 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Ammy Taylor to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried 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: No report at this time.

Marketing Subcommittee Report:

- Signage on I-49: Committee Chair Ammy Taylor reported that she spoke with Nick about permit approval. There was confusion about location of signs, DOTD wants the signs on the frontage road. All were in favor of new location. Ammy will proceed with scheduling of installation. A motion to make the signs double sided was made by Yvonne Norman and seconded by Senic Batiste. Motion carried without objection.
- Klout9: Committee Chair Ammy Taylor reported that there are concerns with lack of deliverables coming from Klout9.

New Business:

LDG Proposal: Chairman Buddy Helton introduced and explained the proposal from LDG for organizational analysis that will look at all 4 boards, their structure, staff structure and responsibilities, resource evaluation, benchmarking for budget, funding, etc. Final report will be creation of actionable report that will cover recommendations, gaps in organization, etc. Director Bill Rodier gave further details at the request of Mr. Senic Batiste. A motion was made for CSLEDD to enter into an agreement with SLED to cover \$6,875.00 which represents 25% of the total cost of \$27,500.00 of LDG's Proposal by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Yvonne Norman. Motion carried without objection.

Old Business:

Sewer Project Update and Actions: Chairman Buddy Helton reported the following

- Plans are all together to be submitted for permitting. Received notification from Office of Culture informing us as per normal operating practices, we must have Phase 1 cultural resources survey. We have a list of contractors who can perform this. William Jarrell has put out RFP that will close at the end of May and a contractor will be selected by Mr. Jarrell.
- Entergy needs a wider right of way from interstate to facility. Mr. Jarrell has sent information for this additional land and Mr. Rodier will be working with landowner to acquire additional land. An additional right of way is needed to parallel city water main line. They will have to have discussions with the adjacent landowners, Jim Ryan and St. Landry Parish School Board. The City of Opelousas will send a letter to the St. Landry Parish School Board, and Mr. Jarrell has been in contact with Jim Ryan.
- Mr. Jarrell recommends that we relocate the pump facility to higher grounds due to flood concerns. Mr. Jarrell has contacted Mr. Boagni and Don Leger the appraiser regarding the purchase of additional land for the pump station. The purchase of this property will go towards the 50% match. A motion to get appraisal from Don Leger and purchase property was made by Yvonne Norman and seconded by Ammy Taylor. Motion carried without objection.

Lighting Project Update and Actions:

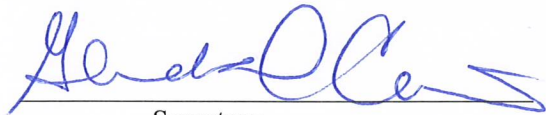
- Chairman Buddy Helton reported that submittals were given to the state and it was return with suggestions for modification. A change to verbiage is needed to satisfy state requirements. We will resubmit within the next 14 days. Next step will be to create a RFP for work installation of remaining lights. Should have response from state by mid-June.
- Judson Walsh lighting - Main focus is completing current open projects and the sewage electrical submittals. Once this is complete, we will refocus on the Judson Walsh lighting.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported our contract is working well and on schedule. Partnership with St. Landry Parish Sheriff's office and St. Landry Solid Waste is currently on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. Initial herbicide treatments have been completed and are showing great results. We will have another application within the next month that will include treatment for "woody" growth under overpass at the intersection of Hwy 190 and I-49, and canal bank along west side of I-49 feeder road between Judson Walsh and Harry Guilbeau.

EDD Update - Retail Strategies: Chairman Buddy Helton reports that negotiations are on hold with Boyd Gaming group due to COVID-19 restrictions and complications.

CEO/Director Bill Rodier gave an update from Retail Strategies. He stated that the Retail Strategies team is reporting a lot of momentum for interest in the Opelousas area and are working projects in several locations. We are expecting at least one Letter of Intention within the coming weeks.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Norman and seconded by Senic Batiste to adjourn at 9:31 am. Motion carried without objection.


Secretary


Chairman