

**Central St. Landry Economic Development District**  
**Special Public Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Date and Time: September 24, 2020 @ 8:30 am**  
**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA**

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call

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- ❖ Sustainability Plan Progress Update
- ❖ Operational Summary Review/Inputs
- ❖ Funding Consideration Inputs
- ❖ Cooperative Executive Committee Inputs
- ❖ District Spending Boundary Inputs

The following members were present in person: Chairman Buddy Helton, Senic Batiste, Ammy Taylor, Pride Doran Yvonne Normand, Dr. Derek Metoyer, and Tina Vidrine

The following members were absent: none

The following non-voting members were present in person: Bill Rodier (CEO/Director of SLED), Glenda Carriere (SLED-Recording Secretary), and Taylor Lormand (SLED)

The following non-voting members were absent: Jessie Bellard (Interim Parish President), Julius Alsandor (Mayor) and Jerry Red (Parish Council Chairman)

The following guest was present in person: Dr. Emma Bush (Executive Director of Acadiana Workforce Commission)

The following guest was present virtually: Jim Bradshaw (Writer)

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

*Sustainability Plan Progress Update:* Bill Rodier stated the purpose of this study was to focus on the future growth of economic development. He said that we need to be inclusive of everyone's ideas. This community needs proactive and good leadership to improve the city. City leaders are looking at CSLEDD to accelerate these projects. Infrastructure plays a huge part in bringing new businesses. We need operational support to back up CSLEDD. It takes a team effort and all the boards helping each other, which in turn helps the whole parish.

Operational Summary Review/Inputs: Chairman Buddy Helton stated it would be a disservice to CSLEDD not to put something in place for this facility. Some board members discussed the need to be engaged and invited. Other board members stated it is hard to make a commitment of that much time on a volunteer basis. Discussion took place regarding the benefits of adding another staff member to SLED, but not at the expense of CSLEDD. The board members were asked to refine the specifics and agree to provide the details in a revised CEA. SLED would have to accept and approve these changes. Each board member will make a list and deliver a five-minute discussion at our next regularly scheduled board meeting. Board members suggested that Andy Dakin, Chairman of SLED, be present and give his recommendations on how to move forward.

Funding Consideration Inputs: A motion to table the discussion and set a timeline to have documented recommendations to address at the next scheduled meeting was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Pride Doran. Motion carried without objection.

Cooperative Executive Committee Inputs: A motion to table the discussion and set a timeline to have documented recommendations to address at the next scheduled meeting was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Pride Doran. Motion carried without objection.

District Spending Boundary Inputs: A motion to table the discussion and set a timeline to have documented recommendations to address at the next scheduled meeting was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Pride Doran. Motion carried without objection.

Chairman Buddy Helton called to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 am.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman