

Central St. Landry Economic Development District
Board Meeting
Meeting Date and Time: December 10, 2020 @ 8:30 am
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Public Comment
 - 2020 Final Budget/2021 Projected Budget
- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the November Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Dana Quebedeaux
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 - Accept and Approve the Amended Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and Ending December 31, 2020
 - Accept and Approve the Proposed Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Land Use
 - I-49 Corridor Presentation - Katrina King
 - Communications
- ❖ Old Business
 - CEA Amendments
 - Joint Executive Advisory Option
 - Sewer Project Update
 - Lighting Projects Update
 - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
 - EDD District Update
 - William Turnley

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

The following members were absent: Yvonne Normand and Ammy Taylor

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: Julius Alsandor (Mayor), Jessie Bellard (Interim Parish President), and Jerry Red (Parish Council Chairman)

The following guests were present in person: William Jarrell (Morgan Goudeau), Dana Quebedeaux (CPA JSDC), and Katrina King (Acadiana Planning Commission)

The following guests were present virtually: Herman Fusilier (St. Landry Parish Tourism) and William Turnley (Retail Strategies)

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton opened the meeting at 8:33 am for public comment. Having no public comments, the meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m.

Approval of November 12, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the November 12, 2020, regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Tina Vidrine to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Dana Quebedeaux reviewed the November 2020 Financial Report. A motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to accept the financial report as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Accept and Approve the Amended Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and Ending December 31, 2020: Dana Quebedeaux presented the amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. A motion was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Pride Doran to accept and approve the amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried without objection.

Accept and Approve the Proposed Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal year Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021: Dana Quebedeaux presented the proposed operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. A motion was made by Tina Vidrine and seconded by Senic Batiste to accept and approve the proposed operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried without objection.

Committee Reports:

Land-use Planning Committee: Katrina King with the Acadiana Planning Commission presented the I-49 Midway Corridor Strategic Growth Initiative. Using the link, she performed a demonstration of the community profiles created for the I-49 Corridor. Acadiana Planning Commission is getting closer to the completion of the first phase of this project.

Communications/Marketing Subcommittee Report: Senic Batiste contacted Carbo Architecture, and they intend to give a presentation at the January 14 meeting. They only do the permitting and design, not the implementation.

Old Business:

CEA Amendments:

Joint Executive Advisory Option: Pride Doran reviewed a draft proposal of the joint cooperative executive committee plan. He met with Andy Dakin of SLED to discuss changes to specific language in the draft proposal. Chairman Buddy Helton appointed Pride Doran to chair the committee of himself and Senic Batiste to construct a joint executive committee structure, responsibility, and authority, and to make recommendations to this board.

Sewer Project Updates: William Jarrell stated that the contractor starts in January 2021, constructing the Wastewater Treatment Facility. There may be delays in manufacturing plants and getting equipment. The legal paperwork is complete with the parish. The anticipated time for completion is about six months, with no issues. They submitted a capital outlay request for the pump station with a 25 percent match of the 1.2 million dollars of Capital Outlay. If we do not have Capital Outlay, CSLEDD could put that in and count towards that match.

Lighting Project Update: Chairman Buddy Helton stated damaged pole repairs on Harry Guilbeau road are near completion. The materials for LED upgrade to Creswell, I-49/190 are delivered, and the crews will come in and out to begin upgrades. The anticipated completion of the project is January 2021.

William Jarrell spoke to Entergy about the lighting on Harry Guilbeau to Hwy 182, and they have electricity on both sides of the road. Entergy will do all engineering required for permitting, determine modifications, and come back with a cost of what it would take.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported progressing as scheduled. The parish will sign the contract for next year. A request for state reimbursement has been submitted, and we should be receiving funds next year.

EDD District Update: William Turnley with Retail Strategies attended the meeting virtually to speak about a few projects in the works. He stated he was impressed that we were only down 3% in sales tax revenue. We are doing good despite losing Stage. Rock Step Capital has put backfilling of Stage on their radar and high priority. He spoke about Vista Village on Creswell and restrictions on outparcel with tenants. They met with the superintendent about the school board property on Creswell Lane. He stated traffic counts are in the 45,000 range. He talked about providing incentives such as tax sharing plans 50/50 to improve the district.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Senic Batiste to adjourn at 10:23 am. Motion carried without objection.


Secretary


Chairman