

Central St. Landry Economic Development District
Board Meeting
Meeting Date and Time: May 13, 2021 @ 8:30 am
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the April Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine
- ❖ Industrial Board Support Agreement
- ❖ Board Member Reappointment Process
- ❖ Traffic Analysis
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Land Use
 - I-49 Midway Corridor Phase II
 - Communications
- ❖ Old Business
 - I-49 Lighting Update
 - Harry Guilbeau Lighting
 - EVD Master Plan
 - Sewer Project Update
 - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update

The following members were present in person: Chairman Buddy Helton, Senic Batiste, Yvonne Normand, and Dr. Derick Metoyer

The following members were absent: Pride Doran, Tina Vidrine, Ammy Taylor

The following non-voting members were present in person: Bill Rodier (CEO of SLED), Janece Riser (SLED)

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

The following guests were present in person: William Jarrell (Morgan Goudeau)

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Buddy Helton opened the meeting at 8:46 am.

Approval of April 08, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of April 08, 2021, regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Senic Batiste to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Chairman Buddy Helton presented the April 2021 Financial Report.

Industrial Board Support Agreement: Chairman Helton gave an update on the SLED operational support agreement. It was presented to the Industrial Board on Tuesday. They expect to finalize and approve the agreement next month. It will then come to a process of amending the CEA between the boards to adequately reflect the language of the operational support agreement and

the adjusted compensation for these services. Conversations have continued with David Wolf regarding the legal contractual requirements and guidelines.

Board Member Reappointment Process: Bill Rodier gave an update on the board reappointment of a 5-member board roll over of Ammy Taylor, Pride Dorian, Senic Batiste, Dr. Derek Metoyer, Tina Vidrine.

Yvonne Normand reminded the board to complete the ethics training, sexual harassment training and financial disclosure.

Traffic Analysis: Chairman Helton reported that he has been in contact with William Jarrell to clarify the need requirements for a traffic impact analysis requested by DOTD on the west side of the Harry Guilbeau Interchange.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Report:

I-49 Midway Corridor Phase II: Bill Rodier advised the board that the industrial board was conceptually in agreement in a cost share but was waiting on an update from USDA on their grant participation for the project.

Communications Report: Chairman Helton gave an update that the sign for the wastewater treatment facility has gone up. The board was reminded that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony soon, weather permitting.

Old Business:

I-49 Lighting Project Update:

- Highway 190 and Creswell I-49 Interchanges: 98% completion. EP Breaux waiting on materials. Should be completed within 30 days.
- Judson Walsh: Chairman Helton reported that CSLED is still waiting on a project number. State DOTD previously agreed to do the project. Last update there was a surveyor through the state contracted vendor doing the entire project which includes Judson Walsh.
- Harry Guilbeau Lighting: Made the payment to Entergy per their request. The job released for construction. 30-35 lights. William Jarrell stated they will be using the existing poles.

EVD Masterplan: Chairman Helton reported that the negotiations are continuing to move forward and engage Boyd. He discussed the draft sketch on the 120 acres at back side of the property. He reminded the board about the original concept and explained the changes. Bill Rodier spoke with Populous and discussed the significant green space that was available. He will look at the space and see about a maintenance facility or additional RV space. Also discussed the retention pond and a corner spot for commercial/retail development. Chairman Helton suggested negotiating purchasing the property from Boyed going forward where it would give us more options to control directions of the projects.

Sewer Project Update: Chairman Helton reported that the sewer project is moving along. Weather has played a huge part in the progress. William Jarrell stated that the project has been crawling because the land is too wet. They are having difficulty finding dry materials right now.

Once the weather dries up, they will be moving forward. Bill says he has been asked by Clos du Bois Residents about putting a gate on the road after completion.

Chairman Helton gave an update on the 75/25 match funding on the lift station is currently being lobbied in the House as we speak. If approved, funds should be available late February and March. Chairman Helton explains that this is not a separate project but gives funds to complete the next phase of the project.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Helton reported Burns is on task. Weather did not permit for the usual beginning of the twice a month in April because of rain and lack of warm nights. They were picking litter yesterday so they should be cutting between now and Monday. The chairman has signed for the permit for trimming of the trees and bushes.

Manco will provide Herbicide treatment within the next couple of weeks weather permitting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Norman and seconded by Dr. Metoyer to adjourn at 9:49 am. Motion carried without objection.


Secretary


Chairman