

Central St. Landry Economic Development District
Board Meeting
Meeting Date and Time: August 12, 2021 @ 8:30 am
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the July 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Land Use
 - Communications
- ❖ Boyd Gaming Purchase Agreement and MOU
- ❖ Retail Strategies – Contract Renewal
- ❖ Industrial Support Board Agreement – Review CEA and Operation Support Agreement
- ❖ Old Business
 - Review and approve Operational Support CEA
 - Boyd Gaming Purchase Agreement offer update
 - Lighting Projects Update
 - Sewer Project Update
 - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update

The following members were present in person: Chairman Buddy Helton, Yvonne Normand, Ammy Taylor, Pride Doran, and Dr. Derick Metoyer

The following members were absent: Senic Batiste, Tina Vidrine

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 Dexter Brown (Parish Council Chairman)

The following guests were present in person: William Jarrell

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Buddy Helton opened the meeting at 8:35 am.

Approval of July 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of July 8, 2021, regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Ammy Taylor to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Chairman Helton presented the July 2021 Financial Report. Chairman reported CSLEDD is operating within the budget. All bills and retainage to EP Breaux has been paid.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Report: Bill Rodier gave an update on the corridor project. The next step with this project is going to be to set a meeting with the Mayor of Carencro and his seniors officials to discuss what has been effective and not been effective with their performance land use overlay processes.

Communications Report: Bill Rodier advised that he is working with Jim Bradshaw on some interim content ideas. Yvonne Norman requested permission to request interview segments with KATC and KLFY television stations so Mr. Rodier could talk about some of the milestone successes of the CSLEDD. The board agreed to go forward with this.

Old Business:

Industrial Board Support Agreement Update: Chairman Helton gave an overview of the Industrial Board CEA and support agreement. The CEA is with David Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe wants to add in a little history on CSLEDD of where we are as an organization and how we got here. No action until final approval.

Boyd Gaming Purchase Agreement Offer Update: Dwayne Hargroder submitted the purchase offer to their lead council in Las Vegas. The offer did not originally get to its intended addressee, but according to Boyd executives it is there now and is being evaluated by their real estate team. There is not a definitive time for a response on this offer.

I-49 Lighting Project Update:

- Retainage was paid to EP Breaux. They are in process of remedying some warranty maintenance work.
- Highway 190 and Creswell I-49 Interchanges: At this intersection the 3rd light has one light out and the 5th light is out. The underpass light is intermittent. These items are currently being addressed.
- Harry Guilbeau Lighting: This intersection has a light that has some wiring (warranty) issues. These are being addressed.

Sewer Project Update: William Jarrell reported 60% of the piping and cross work has been installed. He is unable to get a shipping confirmation of the plant components due to backorder of materials. The project is still on schedule for end of the year completion. There was a brief discussion about other sewer projects that could be on the horizon soon.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Helton reported that Burns vegetation and litter abatement cycles are on task with 2 per month. He noted that there have been application for reimbursement from the state \$15,122.50.

AOK tree has completed tree abatement. Seven loads (280 yards) of mulch were placed for the I49/HWY90 clover. Ammy Taylor has spoken with Kelly from AOK and has requested to get a quote for a maintenance agreement at the interchange for mulching and fertilizing every year and trimming trees every two years.

Manco vegetation will possibly have one more weed abatement vegetation treatment this year.

Mr. Rodier provided the board information about cleaning the frontage road barrier in front on the service road. A motion to clean the northeast frontage road barrier by Under Pressure for a total cost of \$1,279.50 Yvonne Normand, Dr. Derek Metoyer seconded. Motion carried without objection.

Announcements: Mr. Rodier advised of the possibility of adding a double-sided digital advertising sign at the Grand Coteau exit. This could be something the board could consider as a future marketing tool. He will keep the board up to date.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to adjourn at 9:30 am. Motion carried without objection.


Secretary


Chairman