

Board Meeting

Date and Time: May 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas, LA
70570**

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge and Opening Prayer
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of April 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report
 - Money Market Account
 - Introduction of the amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.
 - Introduction of the proposed operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.
 - **Old Business:**
 - CPEX-Joni Hammons
 - Master Plan, May 15, 2021, Courthouse – Review Event
 - Plans to present to Planning Commission and City Council.
 - Social Media Push and Website exposure
 - ODDD Business Recognition Program
 - Kalaco Solutions – January Awardee
 - Bodemuller The Printer – May Awardee
 - Benny’s Supermarket – June Awardee
 - City of Opelousas Updates
 - Asphalt Art Initiative Grant
 - Pedi Bike Trail Grant
 - Tap Grant Landry Street, Goal #3
 - ODD Grant Program Update
 - Building Improvement Grant (BIG) Goal #4
- ❖ Board Member Comments
- ❖ Adjourn

The following members were present in person: Chairwoman Lena Charles, Keith Broussard, Don D’Avy, Pat Fontenot, Robert Hillard, Ogden Pitre, and Sarah Branton

The following member was absent: None

The following SLED members were present in person: Bill Rodier/CEO and Janece Riser

Guest present in person were Melanie LeBouef/City Tourism, Herman Fuselier/City Tourism, Chris

Clostio/SLED

Janet Tharpe/CPEX, Joni Hammons, Taylor Lormand/SLED were present virtually.

It was determined that a quorum was present and Chairwoman Lean Charles opened the meeting at 9:02am.

Approval of April 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes was made by Don D'avy and seconded by Sarah Branton. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Keith Broussard provided an overview of the April 2021 financials and presented the details of the Money Market Account for approval. A motion to accept the April 2021 financials was made by Sarah Branton and seconded by Ogden Pitre. Motion carried without objection.

Introduction of the amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 was given by Craig Lebouef of Going Sebastien Fisher & Lebouef, LLP. (No motion)

Introduction of the proposed operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 was given by Craig Lebouef of Going Sebastien Fisher & Lebouef, LLP. Craig explained that the proposed July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 budget would exceed \$500,000 and there needs to be an advertising period of 10 days prior to the next regular meeting and that the financials require ODDD to schedule a special meeting open to the public 15 days before July 1st. His office will take care of the advertising and publishing of the special meeting dates. ODDD next meeting changed from June 18th to the June 25th. (No motion required)

Old Business:

- **ODDD Business of the Month Recognition 2021:** Chairwoman Lena Charles presented certificates of recognition to Karen Cox of Kalaco Solutions for January 2021 and Stacey Kidder of Bodemuller the Printer for May 2021. Chairwoman Charles also advised that the June 2021 recipient will be Benny's Super Market.
- **City of Opelousas:**
 - Melanie Lebouef stated the application for the Asphalt Art Initiative was submitted on May 1st. Notifications will be given in the Fall of 2021.
 - Pedi Bike Trail Grant is pending approval from the State Federal Administrator (Trails Program) for a recreational 2.5-mile one-way loop from North Park to South Park with three trailheads. Chairman Charles gave an update that the Mayor authorized Melanie LeBoeuf to speak with William Jarrell about the project. It was initially priced at \$91,466 with match funding of \$62,034 Totaling \$153,500 but was reduced to \$110,000 with a City of Opelousas matching funds amount of \$22,000 needs an approval by the board. A motion to accept and approve the City of Opelousas match amount was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Ogden Pitre. Motion carried without objection.
 - Chairman Charles advised the TAP Grant was approved by Shawn Wilson with DOTD with a \$188,063 match for City of Opelousas. A motion to approve ODDD to fund City

of Opelousas match was made by Sarah Branton and seconded by Robert Hilliard. Motion carried without objection.

- Sarah Branton gave an update on the Building Improvement Grant. Motion was made to approve with no recommendation by Don D’Avy. Pat Fontenot Seconded. Motion carried without objection.

- **CPEX-Joni Hammons:** Joni Hammons presented an update on the masterplan public meeting held on May 15, 2021. 1st Draft recommendations has six primary categories. These are: urban design, mobility, economic development, arts and culture, sustainability, and infrastructure improvements. Joni discussed sharing the draft master plan with the ODDD advisory committee for feedback. She presented the next steps for CPEX to schedule a meeting with the Planning Commission and the City Council for approval. Chairwoman Lena Charles suggested that ODDD set up a special meeting for the presentation of the masterplan and invite the Planning Commission and City Council. The board agreed to handle in this manner.

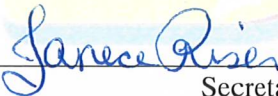
New Business:

- *No new business*

Board Member Comments: No board member comments.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, June 25, 2021, at 9:00 am at SLED.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Ogden Pitre. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.



Secretary



Chairman