



Board Meeting

Date and Time: June 25, 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 Corrected April 23, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Approval of May 21, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Approval of June 17, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes
- ❖ ODDD Business Recognition Program
 - Benny's Supermarket – June Awardee
- ❖ Monthly Financial Report
 - Amend operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.
 - Adopt 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
 - ODDD Board Adoption of ODDD Master Plan for the City of Opelousas
 - Present Proposed Ordinance to be adopted by Planning and City Council
 - Schedule Master Plan to Planning Commission July 12, 2021
 - Schedule Introduction of Master Plan to City Council July 13, 2021
 - City of Opelousas
 - Asphalt Art Initiative Grant
 - Pedi Bike Trail Grant
 - Tap Grant Landry Street, Goal
 - ODD Grant Program
 - Building Improvement Grant (BIG)
- ❖ **New Business**
 - Grant Funding available for Master Plan Implementation Period.
 - Address Clean District Corridor to City of Opelousas
(Startup Program – Campaign), “Keep Opelousas Clean.”
- ❖ **Board Member Comments**

❖ **Adjourn**

Next Meeting Date: Friday, July 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. on the campus of SLED. Public and any interested parties are invited to attend. If you require reasonable accommodations your request should be submitted as far in advance as possible.

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

The following member was absent: Ogden Pitre

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

Guest present in person were Seth Robin, Benny’s Supermarket and The Walking Sisters (Suzi Glowacki, Cathy Hebert, Cynthia Lormand, Alice Morrow)

Janet Tharpe/CPEX and Joni Hammons/CPEX were present virtually.

It was determined that a quorum was present and Chairwoman Lean Charles opened the meeting at 9:03am.

Approval of April 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Keith Broussard. Motion carried without objection.

Approval of May 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the May 2021 meeting minutes was made by Sarah Branton and seconded by Pat Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.

Approval of June 17, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the March 2021 meeting minutes was made by Sarah Branton and seconded by Don D’Avy with necessary correction. Motion carried without objection.

ODDD Business of the Month Recognition 2021: Chairwoman Lena Charles presented a certificate of recognition to Seth Robin on behalf of Benny’s Supermarket for June 2021.

Financial Report: Keith Broussard provided an overview of the May2021 financials. A motion to accept the May 2021 financials was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Rob Hillard. Motion carried without objection.

Motion to amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 was made by Sarah Branton and seconded by Pat Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.

Motion to Adopt proposed operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 was given by at Fontenot and seconded by Rob Hillard. Motion carried without objection.

Old Business:

- **CPEX**
 - Chairman Lena Charles presented the Ordinance from the attorney that will be presented to the Planning Commission July 12, 2021, the Parish Council July 13, 2021, with final adoption in August City Council Meeting. (No motion required)
 - Janet Tharp went over requested changed and recommendation to the ODDD Masterplan Draft. There was a brief discussion in reference to moving utilities, parking, bike traffic, and landscapes.
 - Motion for ODDD Board to adopt the ODDD Masterplan was given by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Sarah Branton. Motion carried with without objection
 - Motion to adopt comment log and recommendation was given by Don D’avy and seconded by Pat Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.
- **City of Opelousas:**
 - The Asphalt Art Initiative was submitted on May 1st. No updates will be given until the Fall of 2021.
 - Sarah Branton advised there are no updates regarding the Pedi Bike Trail Grant.
 - Chairman Charles gave an update about the TAP Grant Landry Street from Court to Market. DOTD is looking at options regarding handicap access on all corners of Court/Landry and Market/Landry.
 - Sarah Branton advised the deadline for the Building Improvement Grant is July 1st. She has heard some buzz but as of today no applications have been received.

New Business:

- Guidance regarding additional resources and funding for Master Plan Implementation was also requested and deliberated.
- Chairwoman Lena Charles opened the floor for suggestions regarding Keeping the Opelousas Clean. Bill Rodier advised that Eunice and Ville Platte currently have a model program that can be reviewed.

Board Member Comments: Sarah Branton advised that now that the Master Plan has been adopted, she feels that it should be the boards guiding light. “We’ve invested time and money and we need to see this through.”

Walking Sisters (Suzi Glowacki, Cathy Hebert, Cynthia Lormand, Alice Morrow) gave a brief presentation about their organization and their current mission. They requested to be placed on next month’s agenda. Chairwoman Lena Charles thanked them for coming and advised they will accept them on next month’s agenda.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, July 23, 2021, at 9:00 am at SLED.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Sarah Branton and seconded by all. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.


Secretary


Chairman