

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time: October 15, 2021, at 12:00 a.m.

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

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- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge and Opening Prayer
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ **New Business**
 - The purpose of this board special meeting, is to discuss proposed items and to decide on a final plan of action to address the ODDD Revenue, Staffing and Networking Needs.
 - ODDD Expansion of Taxing District
 - Board discussion of proposed Businesses, (parcels) added to Taxing District
 - Board Description of selected businesses requirements, included in District
 - Identify the ODDD support staffing needs, suggested adjustment or recommendation
 - Board Review of proposed Advisory Board Committee Document

❖ **Adjourn**

Next Meeting Date: Friday, October 22, 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, Ogden Pitre, Rob Hillard, and Sara Branton

The following member was absent:

The following SLED members were present in person:

Guest present in person were Melanie Lebouef (St. Landry Parish Tourism)

It was determined that a quorum was present and Chairwoman Lean Charles opened the meeting at 11:18 am.

Amend agenda: A motion to amend agenda to remove Executive Session was made by Keith Broussard and seconded by Sarah Branton. Motion carried without objection.

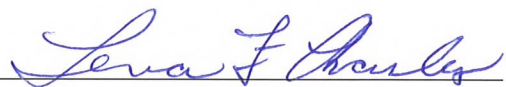
New Business:

- The chairperson Lena Charles opened up the meeting explaining she had a meeting with Bill and specifically asked what where the ODDD needs going forward. The guide needed to be adjusted to accommodate staff. He wasn't using the guide recommendations at this time so the time to adjust the staff is now. So, this is why we're having an in-depth discussion on these items.
 - ODDD Expanding the Taxing District - Point of clarification: The board recognized the existing taxing district and is not expanding to the district but rather including businesses located within the TIF. Chairperson Lena Charles explained the current TIF includes 9 business parcels along the corridor that are included in the TIF. It is unclear why only 9 were included. Therefore, the board is addressing the criteria of selecting businesses to be included in the TIF. They agreed that the businesses that fall under a corporate franchise or businesses with more than one location with the same owner would be included. Then there was extensive discussion on whether the Dollar Stores would be included. The determination was to include 2 Dollar Generals, 2 Family Dollars and 1 Dollar Tree. A motion was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Rob Hillard to include 15 additional parcels along the corridor to the TIF district.
- Identify the ODDD support staffing needs, suggested adjustment or recommendation – After extensive discussion of the ODDD needs from the staff and the anticipated needs going forward, the board unanimously recommended a dedicated project manager to ODDD under the present Industrial Board structure. The recommendation of a dedicated project manager for ODDD would better serve our needs and assure the process of implementation for ODDD Master Plan.
- Board Review of proposed Advisory Board Committee Document – It was decided to table this item and bring all 3 items up for discussion and final vote at the next regular board meeting for final vote scheduled October 22nd.

The chairperson closed the meeting saying this meeting was simply for discussion therefore no motions are entertained. The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, October 22, 2021, at 9:00 am at SLED.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Ogden Pitre and seconded by Rob Hillard. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.


Secretary


Chairman