



Board Meeting

Date and Time: November 18, 2022, 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 October 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes

- ❖ ODDD Business Recognition Program- Kelley's Country Meat Block & Diner
Owners Laurie McDaniel and Robbie Devillier
1531 S. Union Street, Opelousas, La

- ❖ **Monthly Financial Report**
 - Monthly Financial Report
- ❖ **Executive Director's Report**
 - Monthly status report of activities for and effecting the ODDD.
- ❖ **New Business**
 - Hire Consultant to provide analysis of entire South Park Project (Phases I, II, & III)
- ❖ **Old Business:**
 - BIG Grant- Update
 - TAP Grant-Update
 - Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant-Update Riser/Lebouef
 - Courthouse Phase II Lighting-Update
 - CPEX-City of Opelousas Ordinance – Update
 - New Life RFP - Update
 - Wallior Area Infrastructure Improvements –
 - A.) Water / Wastewater Additions
 - B.) Additional Turning Lanes
 - South Park Master Plan- Update
 - CEA With City of Opelousas -Update
 - Adams & Reese - Update
- ❖ **Board Members Comments**
- ❖ **Adjourn**

Next Meeting Date: ODDD Regular scheduled meeting on Friday, December 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. on the campus of SLED. The Public and any interested parties are welcome to attend. If you require reasonable accommodations, submit your request as far in advance as possible.

Chairwoman Lena Charles welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9:09 AM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

The following members were present in person: Chairwoman Lena Charles, Don D'Avy, Ogden Pitre, Keith Broussard, Sarah Branton, Rob Hilliard

The following members were present virtually: None

The following members were absent: Pat Fontenot

The following SLED members were present: Bill Rodier, Teresa Reaves, Janece Riser

Guests present in person were Pervis Morrison (City of Opelousas), Laurie McDonald, Sharon Ortego, Herman Fuselier, Senic Batiste

ODDD Small Business of the Month Recognition 2022: Laurie McDonald of Kelly's Meat Block and Diner was present to receive recognition for Business of the Month for December 2022. Laurie and her Fiancé' Mr. Robbie Devillier purchased the business four years ago and have made it a very successful venture. They are currently getting ready to expand into the other side of the building as well.

Approval of October 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes: Mr. Keith Broussard requested a correction to the October 21, 2022, board meeting minutes under Board Member Comments to include that he had requested to know who the franchisee of Chik Fil A is. A motion to approve the October 21, 2022, minutes with correction was made by Mr. Don D'avy and seconded by Mr. Rob Hilliard. Motion carried without objection.

Monthly Financial Report: Mr. Keith Broussard gave an overview of the October Financials. A motion to accept the October financial report as received was made by Sarah Branton and seconded by Rob Hilliard. Motion carried without objection.

Executive Director's Report: Bill Rodier reported on the status of the Federal Building. The contract did not go through with the previously mentioned investors. Mr. Rodier further reported that he has since shown the building and that there is interest from a couple of different development groups. Questions and discussion ensued. Mr. Rodier was asked about the Solar Power project, and he gave an update on that project as well.

New Business:

Hire Consultant to provide analysis of entire South Park Project (Phases I, II, & III):

Chairwoman Lena Charles discussed the candidate, EB Brooks, that sent in a resume and scope of work for consideration.. Chairwoman Charles went over some additional notes regarding the scope of work, the resume, and Ms. Brooks background with previous similar work.

Chairwoman Charles said that the project is right on target with hiring for this position now. It

was suggested that we have one more zoom call to be sure that the candidate is fully informed of what is expected of the person in this position. Conversation and questions ensued.

A motion was made by Sarah Branton to table the discussion until the board gets more information on the scope of work as well as a review by legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Don D'avy. Motion carried with no objection. Discussion and questions further ensued regarding the project and planning.

Old Business:

BIG Grant-Update: Sarah Branton reported that the recipients have until the end of the year to finish their work. Some of the recipients have completed their work, and others are still working on their projects. A question was brought forward regarding a situation with the difficulty of getting materials delivered and it was reported that if a recipient doesn't make a deadline they can re-apply and will be given extra points to ensure their project can be given more time.

TAP Grant-Update: Janece Riser reported that the bid is on target and should be received in December.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant-Update: Janece Riser reported that there has not been an update from the artist. Ms. Riser further reported that there is a report due on December 1st and she will be able to do it online.

Courthouse Phase II Lighting: Chairwoman Charles reported that everything is on target for lighting by November 26th.

CPEX City of Opelousas Ordinance - Update: Chairwoman Charles reported on the status of the ordinance enforcement. Ms. Charles explained where the funds collected from the code enforcement will go, and the process of enforcing the code and the steps the property owner will go through before being cited. Due process being the most important thing. Rather than certified letters, an owner needs to be served in person so that the proper owner has been identified. Further review by legal council is needed before moving to the city council. Discussion ensued.

New Life RFP - Update: The RFP was postponed and should appear on the December agenda of the City Council.

Wallior Area Infrastructure Improvements: Bill Rodier reported that the project is out for bid and closes on December 07th.

South Park Master Plan: Chairwoman Charles reported how important it is for this board to work together with city officials to get the details of the CEA correct.

Board Member Comments: Mr. Keith Broussard again asked who the Franchise Owner is of Chick fil A.. Mr. Ogden Pitre asked a question regarding Land Banks and if the board purchasing some of the old buildings and then in turn putting them out with an RFP would be something to consider.

Mr. Pitre said he thinks it would be a way give the board the power to control what is going on with the buildings.

Public Comments: None

The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, December 15th, 2022, at 9:00 am at the SLED building.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Don D'avy and seconded by Ogden Pitre. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.


Secretary


Chairperson

