

**Board Meeting
October 21, 2021**

**St. Landry Parish Economic Industrial Development District
Business Resource Center
5367 I-49 S. Service Road
Opelousas, LA 70570**

AGENDA

- I. PLEDGE
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT.....Treasurer, Hals Beard
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. Acceptance of August 2021 Committee Minutes
 - ii. Overview of October Committee Meeting
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Business Center Tenants
 - b. Business Center Insurance
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Adoption of 2021 Organizational Guide
 - b. Property Sale Update
 - c. I-49 Midway Corridor Update
 - d. AIREITEP Update
 - e. Opelousas Area Projects Update
- IX. ADJOURN

Chairman, Andy Dakin opened the regular board meeting at 10:03 A.M.

Voting Members Present in Person: Andy Dakin, Donald Dejean, Roma Stewart, Boisy Pitre, Lena Charles, Ken Simeral, Ericka Milton, Don Reber, Sharon Ortego, Daniel Lyons, Wil Fontenot, and Candace Papillion (Virtual)

Voting Members Absent: Hals Beard, Seth Robin, Brett Manuel, Christopher Clostio, Kevin Simoneaux, Brett Manual,

Non-Voting Members Present in Person: Bill Rodier, Taylor Lormand (Virtual), and Janece Riser

Guest: Herman Fuselier (St. Landry Parish Tourism), Keely McGibboney (One Acadiana), Ginger Collier (One Acadiana), Katrina King (Acadiana Planning Commission), Jim Bougious

It was determined a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Donald Dejean to accept the September 2021 board meeting minutes and seconded by Wil Fontenot. Motion carried without objection. A motion to accept the minutes for the October Special Meeting was made by Don Reber and seconded by Boisy Pitre. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Bill Rodier provided an overview of the September 2021 financials. A motion to adopt the September 2021 financials was made by Ken Simeral and seconded by Wil Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee - A motion was made to accept the August 2021 Executive Committee report by Don Reber and seconded by Ericka Milton. Motion carried without objection.

Real Estate Committee – Real Estate did not meet in September.

New Business:

Business Center Tenants: In 2020, Victory Manufacturing came before the board requesting a reduction of rent from \$750 to \$450. At the beginning of 2021, Victory approached Bill requesting an extension because of the economic down swing. Bill Rodier gave a verbal extension. In August, Victory was sold to All-Star manufacturing and the rent has been returned to the normal rate of \$750.00. A motion was made by Wil Fontenot and seconded by Ken Simeral to ratify the verbal agreement Bill made between SLED and Victory Manufacturing to extend reduced rate from \$750 to \$450 from January 2021 to September when sold. Motion carried without objection. Bill Rodier informed the board that All-Star Manufacturing is a startup small business that purchased Victory Manufacturing.

Business Center Insurance: Bill explained the change in Insurance carrier. In July, Dupre Carrier and Godchaux advised that the current insurance carrier would no longer cover the SLED building. Dupre, Carrier, and Godchaux shopped the building to other carriers. They returned two days before the cancellation of the policy with a single offer. With such a short notice, Bill Rodier chose between letting the policy cancel without continued coverage or signing with the new carrier. Although he is not authorized to do so, Bill decided having coverage was in the best interest of SLED. A motion to ratify the decision by Bill Rodier to accept new Insurance rate of \$8,083.94 was made by Don Reber and seconded by Roma Stewart. Motion carried without objection.

Old Business:

Adoption of 2021 Organizational Guide: Bill Rodier briefly reviewed the fact that the Organizational Guide is a working document and advised that Taylor Lormand is making the changes as suggested by the board. He also reminded the board that he would like to use the guide to get board members to get in tuned with their talents and interests and become more engaged. Wil Fontenot suggested that a technical writer be brought in to review the article. After a brief discussion, a motion to accept the Organizational Guide was made by Boisy Pitre and seconded by Don. Motion carried without objection.

Property Sale Update – Bill Rodier gave an update on the sale of the Hwy 743 property. The resolution was posted in the Daily World on September 26. The next step is the 30-day waiting period. The closing date will be set after the 30 days.

I-49 Midway Corridor Update -

Katrina King gave an update on the I-49 Midway Corridor. On August 1, they received notice to proceed with matching grant. Will be holding the next meeting in the SLED building at 10am on Wednesday Oct 27th. There will be follow-up meeting held later this year.

AIREITEP Update – Bill Rodier informed the board that this project went before the State and then before the Council Committee meeting 2 weeks ago and is on the full board agenda on October 20th. It will go in front of the School Board in November. The Sheriff and the Assessor do not seem to have any concerns at this time. Bill stressed that this project is not a tire recycling facility as previously advertised. He explained the process of making rubber pellets (styrene butadiene rubber) in which one of the uses is under artificial turf on football fields.

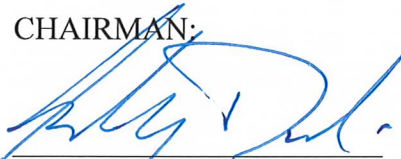
Opelousas Area Projects Update – Bill Rodier gave an update on the incoming businesses as well as upcoming roads and bridge changes around Opelousas.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 11:25 pm by Ericka Milton and seconded by Donald Dejean. Motion carried without objection.

ATTEST:


Secretary

CHAIRMAN:


Andy Dakin