

**Board Meeting
December 21, 2021**

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

AGENDA

- I. WELCOME.....Chairman, Andy Dakin
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT..... Treasurer, Hals Beard
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. 2020 – 2021 Audit Summary Presentation – Steve Moosa
 - b. Opelousas Downtown Development District Appointment
 - c. Rotating Board Member Recognition
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Real Estate Sale
 - b. Walmart PILOT Agreement
 - c. Organizational Guide Update
 - i. Communication PR
 - ii. Technology
 - iii. Human Resources
 - iv. Property and Real Estate
 - v. Board Management
 - vi. Expansion Retention
 - d. Organizational Staffing
 - i. Administrative Assistant
 - ii. Project Coordinator
 - e. Board Appointments
 - f. Corridor Activity Update
- VIII. ADJOURN

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

Voting Members Present: Andy Dakin, Ericka Milton, Don Reber, Wil Fontenot, Boisy Pitre, Roma Stewart, Daniel Lyons, Lena Charles, Don Dejean, Sharon Ortego, and Hals Beard,

Voting Members Absent: Brett Manuel, Ken Simeral, Kevin Simoneaux, Candace Papillion, Chris Clostio

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

Guest: Ginger Collier (One Acadiana), Emil Leger (One Acadiana) Herman Fuselier (Tourism), Steve Moosa (Darnall, Sikes, & Frederick)

It was determined a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Don Reber to accept the November 2021 board meeting minutes and seconded by Erica Milton. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Hals Beard provided an overview of the November 2021 financials. Bill Rodier pointed out some exceptions that was mentioned in the Executive Committee. Roma Stewart gave an overview of the economy from the Racino perspective. A motion to adopt the November 2021 financials was made by Daniel Lyons and seconded by Lena Charles. Motion carried without objection.

New Business:

2020-2021 Audit Summary Presentation – Steve Moosa presented an overview of the audit findings. Mr. Moosa stated the findings were clean and there were no variances. A motion to adopt the Audit as presented was made by Roma Stewart and seconded by Wil Fontenot. Motion carried without objection. Bill Rodier recognized Janece Riser for her diligence in working with Darnall, Sikes, and Fredricks and compiling the information needed to complete this audit.

Opelousas Downtown Development District Appointment – Andy Dakin reported that Lena Charles’ ODDD board seat is expiring on December 31st. He advised that Mrs. Charles stated she is willing and able to continue another 3-year term with ODDD. A motion to appoint Mrs. Lena Charles to the Opelousas Downtown Development District Appointment for an additional term was made by Wil Fontenot seconded by Don Dejean. Motion carried without objection.

Rotating Board Member Recognition – Due to scheduling conflicts, two board members have regretfully decided not to return. Bill Rodier presented Kevin Simoneaux, and Brett Manuel with an award for their dedication to SLED.

Old Business

Real Estate Sale – Andy Dakin reported that as of November 24th, the property on Hwy 743 has been sold. The monetary obligation has been fulfilled. This is officially off SLED’s record. Bill Rodier thanked Andy Dakin for all of this hard work in ensuring the sale happened in a timely manner.

Walmart PILOT Agreement: Bill Rodier stated the Board is still in discussions with Walmart to come up with a solution that will be beneficial to everyone involved. He is hopeful that there will be a better update by the January meeting.

Organizational Guide Update: Bill Rodier went over the current implementation process. He gave an overview of the core areas of the guide and how he is looking at the skill sets

of each board member to allow for additional manpower. He recapped that if any of the board members feel they will be useful in any of the areas please let him know. Bill advised of the upcoming in Communications and Technology through an existing contract Golden Shovel, no additional charge, as well as other companies.

Organizational Staffing Structure: Bill Rodier updated the board with the process of hiring for the Administrative Assistant position as well as the Project Coordinator position. The hiring committee which has representation from each board has been chosen. He projects the seats will be filled early February.

Board Appointments: Bill Rodier advised the board of commissioners that Seth Robin and Dr. John Hamlin have been appointed by the LMA. Roma Stewart, Ken Simeral, Donald Dejean, Sharon Ortego, and Toni Effinger have been appointed by the Parish Council. All appointments are a three-year term that will begin January 1st, 2022.

Andy Dakin reminded the board that officer elections will be held during the January meeting. The offices are Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Executive Committee consists of the officers and three additional members. The procedure is for someone to be nominated and then the election. If there are more than 3 nominations for the Executive Committee, there will be an election and the top 3 people with the greatest number of votes will win.

For the good of the order, Bill Rodier discussed need for members to positively communicate the board's story. He urged the members to contact him if they have questions or need information.

Corridor Activity Update: Bill Rodier advised of the immense growth along the corridor but especially in the Grand Coteau/Sunset area and Harry Guilbeau exits. Nearly 80% of that property has been selected for residential use. Bill discussed several projects along the corridor with a major one being the new Loves. Their site plan has been approved with a couple of modifications. This project has a projected growth of 60-65 employees. He also discussed traffic changes set and needed in the near future.

Andy Dakin stated that if any of the members would like any changes to the format such as Director's Report, please don't hesitate to contact him or Bill Rodier.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 11:32 pm by Lena Charles and seconded by Wil Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.

ATTEST:


Secretary

CHAIRMAN:

Andy Dakin