

**Board Meeting
July 19, 2022**

**St. Landry Parish Economic and 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 JUNE 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT..... TREASURER, HALS BEARD
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. ODDD/IDB AGREEMENTS
 - b. WALMART PILOT UPDATE
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. MANAGED TECHNOLOGY SERVICES PROPOSAL
 - b. HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES PROPOSAL
- IX. PRESENTOR – NICK GAUTREAUX, DIRECT SOLUTIONS
- X. ADJOURN

Voting Members Present: Andy Dakin, Seth Robin, Dr. John Hamlin, Ken Simeral, Boisy Pitre, Ericka Milton, Lena Charles, Sharon Ortego, Candace Papillion, Wil Fontenot, Roma Stewart, Toni Effingger,

Voting Members Absent: Daniel Lyons, Hals Beard, Donald Dejean, Don Reber,

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

Voting Members present remotely: Christopher Clostio

Guests: Zach Hager, Jim Bourgeois, Herman Fuselier

It was determined a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Roma Stewart and seconded by Seth Robin to accept the June 2022 regular board meeting minutes. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report:

Bill Rodier provided an overview of the June 2022 financials. He reminded the board that June was the last month of the fiscal year. A motion to adopt the June 2022 financials was made by Boisy Pitre and seconded by Seth Robin. Motion carried without objection.

Committee Reports: Bill Rodier gave an update on the Real Estate Committee. Mr. Rodier mentioned that the committee was looking at things related to tenants in the Business Center, as well as the front sign. He went on to explain that the biggest thing the committee is looking at is the Federal Building in Opelousas as a potential option for catalyst redevelopment project. Mr. Rodier explained that from the feedback obtained so far that inadequate parking is a significant challenge with the building. He explained that he has contacted owners of buildings surrounding the federal building as options that can be turned into parking lots but has so far been unable to identify property owners with a willingness to sell. Chairman Dakin stated the recommendation from the Executive Committee was to complete due diligence on possible solutions for parking. Ken Simeral stated that he feels the board should make that area a certified site and force the issue on parking. A deep discussion ensued. The discussion concluded with a recommendation on informing the property owner that the board is still working on due diligence and not currently in a position to move forward until this is complete.

Old Business:

ODDD/IDB Agreement Update: Andy Dakin gave an update on the agreement. A motion to allow Chairman Dakin to execute the agreement with ODDD was made by Candance Papillion and seconded by Wil Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.

Walmart PILOT Update: Bill Rodier gave an update on the Walmart PILOT. The annual payment from Walmart is expected this week.

New Business:

Managed Technology Services Proposal: Bill Rodier and Janece Riser gave an update on the process and proposals received for the managed technology services. Boisy Pitre was acknowledged for providing his technical assistance in the review process. The recommendation is to remain with EDC for at least 6 months to give us the opportunity to see if some of the services related concerns are addressed with the migration from cafeteria plan to managed services agreement. A motion to remain with EDC for at least six months using their managed services program was made by Lena Charles and seconded by Roma Stewart. Motion carried without objection.

Human Resources Services Proposal: Bill Rodier discussed the need for the organization to build a solid HR foundation as well as the history of looking at consultant to perform this specialized type of work. Mr. Rodier gave an overview of the proposal submitted by Wall Consulting Services for Human Resources Services. After a few questions, a motion to accept the proposal from Wall Consulting and enter in contract with them was made by Lena Charles and seconded by Boisy Pitre. Motion carried without objection.

