

Central St. Landry Economic Development District
Board Meeting
Meeting Date and Time: March 11, 2021 @ 8:30 am
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the February Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Land Use
 - Midway Corridor Phase II
 - Communications
- ❖ Old Business
 - Cooperative Committee Update
 - Sewer Project Update
 - Groundbreaking
 - Lighting Projects Update
 - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
 - EDD District Update
 - Retail Strategies

The following members were present in person: Chairman Buddy Helton, Senic Batiste, and Ammy Taylor

The following members were present virtually: Pride Doran and Yvonne Normand

The following members were absent: Dr. Derek Metoyer and Tina Vidrine

The following non-voting members were present in person: Bill Rodier (CEO/Director of SLED), Glenda Carriere (SLED-Recording Secretary) Taylor Lormand (SLED)

The following non-voting members were absent: Julius Alsandor (Mayor), Jessie Bellard (Parish President), and Jerry Red (Parish Council Chairman)

The following guests were present in person: William Jarrell (Morgan Goudeau)

The following guests were present virtually: Jim Bradshaw (Writer) and Herman Fusilier (St. Landry Parish Tourism)

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton opened the meeting at 8:39 am.

Approval of February 11, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of February 11, 2021, regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Yvonne Normand to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: In the absence of Tina Vidrine, Buddy Helton presented the February 2021 Financial Report.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Land Use Report:

Midway Corridor Phase II: Bill Rodier stated that the Acadiana Planning Commission submitted a proposal for Phase II of the I-49 Midway Corridor plan. They applied for a grant with USDA which was submitted on February 26, 2021, for \$30,000 of that cost. Phase II will model the Carencro Performance Land Use overlay and implement it through the whole I-49 Corridor in St. Landry Parish. Bill Rodier will present this to the SLED Industrial Board in the executive committee meeting this afternoon, then to the full board on Tuesday.

Communications Report: Ammy Taylor stated she does not have a communication report this month.

Old Business:

Cooperative Committee Update: Pride Doran stated he was tasked with reviewing Andy Dakin's CEC proposal. He met with Dr. Metoyer and Senic Batiste and evaluated the proposal and expressed concern regarding the wording of this document. He suggested that the word Advisory be used in the place of Executive. Senic Batiste agreed with Pride on changing the language. They did not have any issues with the mechanics of this structure of the board, just some of the terms used in the proposal. Buddy Helton stated this proposal is for long-term sustainability. Pride Doran stated he will send Bill Rodier his marked-up document with revisions for Bill's review. Buddy Helton stated we will look at whether this information should be amended into our joint endeavor agreement.

Sewer Project Updates: William Jarrell stated that the contractor is trying to start on the wastewater treatment facility. They have shredded the grass along the driveway, are scheduled to put out stakes, and will move equipment in to start work. Buddy Helton stated that he would like to invite the board members to participate in the ground-breaking and signage. A ground-breaking will be scheduled once equipment is out on site.

Lighting Project Update: William Jarrell stated that EP Breaux was on site this week, moving along with the I-49 lighting. Another pole is down due to another automobile accident. He stated we are getting pricing for the pole struck down by Creswell Lane and one by Hwy 190. We have the equipment in stock that they will use to repair these poles. Buddy Helton stated he tried to obtain a police report to recover some funding for the damages. William Jarrell stated Entergy has a preliminary layout for photometrics. They are proceeding with working on cost and submitting soon for the lighting on Harry Guilbeau. This would be for 30, 400-watt fixtures on one side of the road and 5 fixtures across the road. He stated that it is less costly to install on the south side of the road. He stated there may not have to be an agreement between Entergy and the City. The estimated cost would be \$750 for monthly electrical usage. There is no capital cost yet and he is trying to get it permitted.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported that we had the first cutting of the year. He stated he is monitoring the growth of vegetation on concrete areas for herbicide treatment.

Ammy Taylor stated she received a bid from Brandal of \$16,600 which included fertilization for \$2,000. She also received an estimate from AOK for \$9,850. She stated this is for the same scope of work, except for fertilization. She will obtain an estimate from AOK fertilization. She said that she spoke to Richard Leboeuf and he will donate and deliver the mulch. Ammy stated she will call Nick and see about permitting. A motion to accept AOK's proposal for maintenance with the price being right with fertilization was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Ammy Taylor. Motion carried with no objection.

EDD District Update: William Turnley with Retail Strategies stated he is working closely with several reputable businesses to move into the Opelousas area. He has six specific projects he is working on along with the SLED Team.

Bill Rodier reported that two parcels were close on behind Wal Mart for use as a new dialysis center after consideration in multiple other parcels along the corridor.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Ammy Taylor to adjourn at 10:10 am. Motion carried without objection.

Secretary

Chairman