

Board Meeting

June 17, 2025

St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District

Business Resource Center

5367 I-49 S. Service Road

Opelousas, LA 70570

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Amend the operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
- b. Adopt the operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda

- I. WELCOMEChairman, Seth Robin
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS, VIA COMMENT CARDS- Limit of 3 Minutes
- V. ADOPTION OF MAY 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- VI. FINANCIALS, May 2025.....Treasurer – John Hamlin
 - a. Amend 2024-2025 Operating Budget
 - b. Adopt Proposed 2025-2026 Operating Budget
- VII. BOARD AND COMMITTEE NOTES
 - a. SLED Executive Committee Meeting Notes
 - b. CSLED Meeting Notes
 - c. ODD Meeting Notes
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Walmart Project Agreement Update
 - b. 1-49 Midway Corridor Update
- IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SLED SEP IRA Policy
- b. SLED Organizational Priorities
- X. BOARD COMMENTS
- XI. ADJOURN

Chairman Seth Robin opened the public hearing at 10:00 AM. The hearing remained open for ten minutes; however, no public comments were received. Chairman Robin closed the public hearing at 10:11 AM.

Voting Members Present: Seth Robin, Andy Dakin, Devin McKnight, Kevin Doucet, Lena Charles, Perry Fontenot III, Chelsey Sharplin, Erika Milton, Juan Joseph, Thurman Johnson, Toni Effingger, Daniel Lyons

Voting Members Absent: Kevin Fuselier, Candace Papillion, John Hamlin, Susan Vigee, Donald Dejean

SLED Staff Members Present: Bill Rodier, Janece Riser, Brittany Cretchain, Victoria Mott

Guests: Dana Quebedeaux (JS Dowling), Herman Fuselier (SLP Tourism), Amy Thibodeaux (CLECO)

It was determined a quorum was present.

Chairman Seth Robin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the board at 10:11 AM.

Public Comments: None.

Adoption of May 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the May 20, 2025, board meeting minutes as submitted by Juan Joseph and seconded by Thurman Johnson. The motion was carried without objection.

May 2025 Financial Report: Bill Rodier reviewed the financial report, highlighting the expenditures and revenues of May 2025. Erika Milton made a motion to accept the financial report for May 2025, seconded by Perry Fontenot. The motion carried without objection.

Mrs. Dana Quebedeaux reviewed the proposed amended 2024-2025 budget. A motion was made by Andy Dakin and seconded by Devin McKnight to adopt the amended 2024-2025 budget as submitted. The motion carried without objection.

Mrs. Quebedeaux explained the proposed 2025-2026 Budget including the reimbursement grants, capital outlay projects, and new planned projects. Bill Rodier further explained some line items. A motion was made by Lena Charles to adopt the proposed 2025-2026 Budget as submitted and seconded by Kevin Doucet. The motion was carried without objection.

COMMITTEE NOTES:

CSLEDD: Bill Rodier provided an update to the board on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project that CSLEDD has been working on. He elaborated further, explaining that CSLEDD had submitted a request for an attorney general's opinion regarding the ownership and transfer of ownership, and while they are still awaiting a response, they expect to receive it soon.

ODDD: Lena Charles gave a brief update on the South Park Project, highlighting that it is advancing rapidly and surpassing initial expectations.

OLD BUSINESS

Walmart PILOT Agreement: Bill Rodier provided a brief update on the Walmart PILOT Agreement, noting that there have been no major developments. A draft of the PILOT was recently presented to a small committee consisting of himself, Seth Robin, and Bruce Gaudin. Approximately 20 comments were made during the review, after which the draft was forwarded to Eric LeFleur for additional feedback.

Mr. Rodier reminded the board that the PILOT agreement will not include any sales tax abatement. The only abatement will apply to personal property associated with the new Project Rosie. The original building is not included in the abatement and is currently being prepared for conveyance back to Walmart.

I-49 Midway Corridor Update: Bill Rodier provided an update on the I-49 Midway Corridor, highlighting the recent approval and adoption of the Midway Corridor Plan by the St. Landry Parish Council. Mr. Rodier noted that, prior to this adoption, St. Landry Parish had no formal Land Use Planning and Control in place, whereas the City of Opelousas already had established zoning regulations.

The newly adopted Land Use model is based on the City of Carencro's framework. Once the Parish Planning Commission is formally convened, it will be responsible for approving all permits related to Greenfield development projects within the corridor.

NEW BUSINESS

SLED SEP IRA Policy: Bill Rodier informed the board that the current IRS SEP IRA policy requires participants to be at least 21 years of age. However, SLED currently employs an individual who does not meet this age requirement. Rodier noted that it is legally permissible for an organization to amend its policy to lower the minimum age threshold, should it choose to do so.

Devin McKnight made a motion to lower SLED's SEP IRA age limit to 18. Erika Milton seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

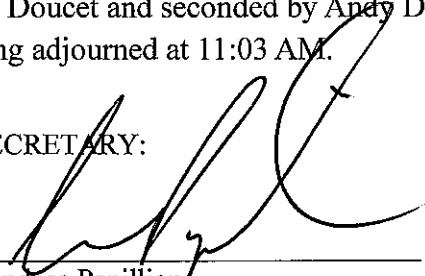
SLED Organizational Priorities: Bill Rodier briefly informed the board of SLED's current organizational priorities. He noted that while all members would receive a hard copy of the priorities, he would be available to discuss them in more detail with anyone interested.

Rodier also touched on the real estate component, highlighting the funding being allocated by the Legislature for infrastructure projects that support development efforts.

Board Comments: None

With no further matters to be brought before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Doucet and seconded by Andy Dakin. The motion passed without objection, and the meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

SECRETARY:


Candace Papillion

CHAIRMAN:


Seth Robin