



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 8:30 am

Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas, LA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the Central St. Landry Economic Development District will meet in open and public session on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at eight thirty (8:30) a.m. This session will be located at the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District office 5367 I-49 S. Service Rd., Opelousas, Louisiana, that such time the Board of Commissioners will hold a regular monthly meeting for the following purposes:

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Public Comments – Limit of 3 minutes
- ❖ CSLEDD Business Recognition Program – Billy's Inc.
- ❖ Approval of April 9, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ April 2026, Financial Report
- ❖ Old Business
 - 1. Champions Mural Update
 - 2. Equine Sales Facility Committee Update
 - a) CSLED Equine Position
 - 3. Infrastructure Projects
 - 4. Retail Strategies Update
 - 5. Exploring the opportunity to Incentivize Rockstep Capital to pursue renovations
- ❖ New Business
 - 1. Billboard and Location Signage
- ❖ Board Member Comments

The public and any interested parties are invited to attend. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Victoria Mott at 337-948-1391 describing the assistance that is necessary.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Tuesday, April 21, 2026, SLED Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
- Friday, April 24, 2026, ODDD Board Meeting, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, May 14, 2026, CSLEDD Board Meeting, 8:30 AM

The following members were present in person: Frank Helton, Yvonne Normand, Rod Sias, Dirk Boudreaux, Tina Vidrine

The following members were absent: Ammy Taylor, Senic Batiste

The following Staff Members were present: Brittany Cretchain, Victoria Mott, Janece Riser

The following were present virtually: Bill Rodier, Dirk Boudreaux

The following guests were present in person: Gabbi Riles (St Landry Parish Government), Myles Granderson (Attorney for Rockstep Capital), Tommy Stewart (Rockstep Capital)

Chairman Helton welcomed the board members, guests, and staff and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting at 8:40 AM.

Public Comments: N/A

CSLEDD Business of the Month: Chairman Buddy Helton recognized Billy's Inc, located at I-49 S. Service Rd, Opelousas, LA, as the April 2026 CSLED Business of the Month.

Approval of April 9th, 2026, Minutes: Tine Vidrine made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9th, 2026. The motion was seconded by Rod Sias. The motion carried without objection.

March 2026 Financial Report: Chairman, Buddy Helton reported on the financials as of March 31, 2026, highlighting the revenues and expenditures. Mr. Helton noted that there were an average of 20% increase in collections year to date.

OLD BUSINESS

Champions Mural Update: Janece Riser informed the board that the mural has been completed, and staff are currently awaiting a response from school officials to coordinate a date for the official reveal.

Equine Sales Facility Committee Update: Janece Riser informed the board that materials for the soffit repair have been ordered, and once received, the repairs are expected to take approximately one week to complete. She also noted that repainting of the stage will take place soon. Additionally, a second set of stairs has been built, and discussions were held regarding the installation of handrails for the stairs. Lastly, Janece informed the board that events have officially been scheduled for the 2027 calendar year.\

Equine Position: Bill Rodier noted that a job description for the position has been finalized. He also stated that the organization is not legally required to publicly advertise the position before filling it. Rod Sias made a motion to move forward with offering the position to Wendy Fryer up to \$50,000. Yvonne Normand seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Infrastructure Projects: Buddy Helton provided an update on ongoing infrastructure projects. He noted the continued progress of the lighting improvements along the I-49 corridor and reported that the waterline extension project is approximately 80% complete. Mr. Helton also stated that Phase III of the wastewater project is awaiting final approval from the FPC. Once approval is received, the project team will move forward with a public groundbreaking ceremony and a social media announcement.

Retail Strategies: Buddy Helton and Drew Kaufman provided an economic development update. They reported that Small Sliders, a national restaurant franchise, is exploring the outparcel previously designated for the proposed Golden Chick location as a potential future site.

Exploring the opportunity to incentivize Rockstep Capital to pursue renovations: Tommy Stewart of RockStep Capital and legal representative Myles Granderson presented a proposal to redevelop St. Landry Plaza through the creation of a special subdistrict encompassing only the plaza and its adjoining outparcels. The proposal includes attracting new tenants and making significant capital improvements to the property. These improvements would be funded through an additional 1% sales tax within the proposed subdistrict, increasing the total CSLEDD sales tax to 2%. Revenue generated from the additional tax would be dedicated to reimbursing eligible development and infrastructure improvement costs associated with the project.

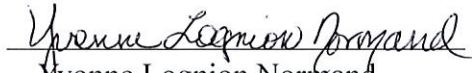
Rod Sias made a motion to move forward with the process of amending the CEA with the City of Opelousas and Parish to create the subdistrict. Yvonne Normand seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

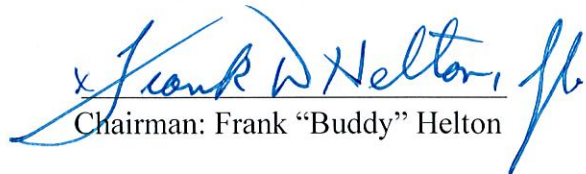
New Business:

Billboard Signage and Location: Dirk Boudreaux introduced a discussion regarding potential billboard locations to enhance marketing and visibility efforts. Following the discussion, the Board authorized Mr. Boudreaux to move forward with identifying potential billboard locations and obtaining pricing information for future consideration.

Board Member Comments: N/A

With no further matters to be brought before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Rod Sias. The motion carried without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.


Yvonne Lognion Normand


Chairman: Frank "Buddy" Helton