



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, January 8, 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, January 8, 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 – Collins Dental
5392 I-49 S. Service Rd, Opelousas, LA 70570
- ❖ Approval of December 11, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ December 2025, Financial Report
 1. Approval of Certificate of Deposit Investment
- ❖ Old Business
 1. Champions Mural Update
 2. Equine Sales Facility Committee Update
 3. Infrastructure Projects
 4. Retail Strategies Update
- ❖ 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, January 20, 2026, SLED Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
- Friday, January 23, 2026, ODDD Board Meeting, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, February 12, 2026, CSLEDD Board Meeting, 8:30 AM

The following members were present in person: Frank Helton, Senic Batiste, Ammy Taylor, Yvonne Normand, Dirk Boudreaux

The following members were absent: Rod Sias, Tina Vidrine

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

The following Staff Members were present virtually:

The following guests were present in person: Dr. Willie Collins

Chairman Helton welcomed the board members, guests, and staff and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting at 8:34 AM.

Public Comments: N/A

CSLEDD Business of the Month: Chairman Buddy Helton recognized Collins Dental a, located at 5392 I-49 S. Service Rd Opelousas, LA.

Approval of December 11th, 2025, Minutes: Ammy Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11th, 2025. The motion was seconded by Senic Batiste. The motion carried without objection.

December 2025, Financial Report: Chairman, Buddy Helton reported on the financials as of December 31, highlighting the revenues and expenditures. Mr. Helton noted that there were no significant increases in collections.

Approval of Certificate Deposit Investment: Buddy Helton informed the board that Washington State Bank has extended an offer for a 12-month certificate of deposit at a rate of 3.8 percent. Discussion followed regarding the amount to be invested. Senic Batiste made a motion to invest 1 million dollars into a 12-month CD at Washington State Bank at a rate of 3.8%. Yvonne Normand seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Discussion ensued regarding potential investments in the LAMP pool, a state-level program with no time requirement and historically higher rates.

OLD BUSINESS

Champions Mural Update: Janece Riser informed the board that work has commenced, including pressure washing of the underpass at Highway 190 and I-49, followed by the application of a sealant layer.

Equine Sales Facility Committee Update:

Amy Taylor informed the board that billboard advertising was discussed. Four advertisements will rotate across different locations in Lafayette at a special rate of \$2,000 per month, with four separate sessions purchased. Dates will be discussed further.

Bush hogging was discussed, with a suggestion to perform the service every other month; however, Magnolia Lawn Management was required to mow the field twice prior to the Christmas Market. Buddy Helton suggested approving three to four cuttings. No formal motion was made, as bids for four cuts over a 12-month period are waiting to be received.

Parking lot grading was discussed; however, no formal action was taken, as Wendy Fryer is awaiting quotes from vendors.

Amy Taylor informed the board that the Christmas Market was an extreme success, generating a profit of \$2,820.00. Due to the success of the event, the idea of hosting an Easter Market was discussed, with a suggested date of Sunday, March 20.

Proposed events include Horse and Saddle Chipping with Dr. Rachel Martinez at a total cost of \$300 for cleaning services, the Easter Market, and a summer camp in conjunction with 4-H, FFA, and the Ag Extension Service.

Ammy Taylor made a motion to approve contracting Bruce Gaudin to begin preparing CEAs with Ag Extension for future events. Yvonne Normand seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Retail Strategies: Jonathon Ross and Adam Shackleford with Retail Strategies updated the board on their recent discussions regarding Brown's Center next to Creswell. The property owner is interested in leasing the space but is also open to discussions about a potential sale. Ross and Shackleford additionally reported on their conversations with the owners of Golden Chick and the Joe Smith Box.

Infrastructure Projects: Buddy Helton informed the Board of the progress on the Waterline Extension Project, noting that the bid has been awarded and the contract executed and should be completed in about 3 months. Mr. Helton reported on the Wastewater Treatment Plant east of I-

49, noting that permitting has been completed. Additionally, Mr. Helton noted continuous visible progress on the I-49 Lighting project.

The LTBA Horse Sale has not yet been scheduled, as the LTBA is considering a change to its dates. The calendar will be updated accordingly once the dates are finalized.

Dirk Boudreaux made a motion to transfer \$100,000.00 to the Louisiana Equine Sales and Event Center general fund. Ammy Taylor seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Board Member Comments:

- Senic Batitse invited the board to purchase tickets for the upcoming Rotary Gala, which will be held on March 14 at 6:00 PM.

With no further matters to be brought before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Senic Batiste. The motion carried without objection. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.