



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, March 12, 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, March 12, 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 – Med Express Ambulance Service
- ❖ Approval of January 8, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ January and February 2026, Financial Report
- ❖ Old Business
 1. Champions Mural Update
 2. Equine Sales Facility Committee Update
 3. Infrastructure Projects
 4. Retail Strategies Update
- ❖ New Business
 1. Clover Leaf Project
 2. Vegetation Abatement
- ❖ 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, March 17, 2026, SLED Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
- Friday, March 20, 2026, ODDD Board Meeting, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, April 9, 2026, CSLEDD Board Meeting, 8:30 AM

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

The following members were absent: Senic Batiste, Ammy Taylor

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

The following Staff Members were present virtually: Bill Rodier

The following guests were present in person: Kindly Schexnayder

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 Med Express Ambulance Service, located at 5245 I-49 S. Service Rd Opelousas, LA, as the March 2026 CSLED Business of the Month.

Approval of January 8th, 2026, Minutes: Tina Vidrine made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8th, 2026. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Normand. The motion carried without objection.

January and February 2026, Financial Report: Treasurer, Tina Vidrine reported on the financials as of February 28, 2026, highlighting the revenues and expenditures. Mr. Helton noted that there were an average of 3% decrease in collections year to date.

OLD BUSINESS

Champions Mural Update: Janece Riser informed the Board that significant progress has been made on the project; however, recent weather conditions have temporarily halted further work.

Mr. Ford indicated that he anticipates the project will be completed within the next week, weather permitting.

Equine Sales Facility Committee Update: Janece Riser opened discussion regarding the Equine Committee.

During the discussion, the Committee recommended addressing the roof repairs necessitated by pigeon-related damage. The Equine Committee recommended Cares Metal to complete the project at a cost of \$30,500. Dirk Boudreaux made a motion to accept this recommendation. Tina Vidrine seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

The Equine Committee recommended Magnolia Lawn Management's quote of \$2,000 per cut for bush hogging the 23 acres adjacent to the Equine Sales Facility. Dirk Boudreaux made a motion to approve up to four cuts at a rate of \$2,000 per cut by Magnolia Lawn Management. Yvonne Normand seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Janece Riser informed the Board that the upcoming Easter Market currently has 27 vendors registered to sell items, along with three food vendors scheduled to participate.

The Equine Committee recommended Bridges Dirt Service for grading the parking lot at a cost of \$500 and for applying herbicide along the fence line. However, after further discussion, the Board determined that it would be more appropriate to complete all herbicide treatments at the same time. Dirk Boudreaux made a motion to approve Bridges Dirt Services for the grading of the parking lot at a cost of \$500.

The Equine Committee approved Wendy Fryer to purchase new sets of tablecloths at a cost of \$9.09 per tablecloth for a total of \$363.60.

The Equine Committee recommended Manco Vegetation to perform herbicide treatments of the parking lot, all rock areas including roads, paddocks, and around the barns, up to but not exceeding four times per year. Discussion ensued, and the Board determined that it would be more beneficial and cost-efficient for Manco Vegetation to perform all herbicide treatments at a cost of \$2,250 per treatment. Dirk Boudreaux made a motion to approve Manco Vegetation at \$2250 per herbicide treatment. Yvonne Normand seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Janece Riser informed the Board that the transplanted tree did not survive. The Equine Committee recommended B&B Tree Service based on their quote of \$1,615 to remove the tree and stump, trim the remaining tree, and haul off all debris.

Harold Forman expressed interest in hosting a boucherie for the students of the Washington Career and Technical School in April and requested that CSLEDD provide in-kind sponsorship

through the use of the building, while Mr. Forman would cover all other associated costs. Discussion ensued regarding whether CSLEDD wished to establish a precedent of allowing individuals or schools to use the facility at no cost. It was subsequently discussed that the school may be eligible for the nonprofit rental rate if the school contacts CSLEDD directly to secure the contract and a third party provides payment.

Janece Riser introduced the idea of hosting a Derby Day event on May 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Chamber typically hosts this event but will not be doing so in 2026. The board agreed to sponsor the event in-kind by providing use of the building. A sponsorship request will be sent to Boyd Gaming to cover food for 100 people at \$12 per person. The Washington Vocational School will provide the catering so students have the opportunity to hone their skills and observe the networking aspect of the event. St. Landry Economic Development will cover any additional costs associated with the event. Yvonne Normand made a motion to allow the use of the building as an in-kind sponsor. Dirk Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Janece Riser then introduced a request for in-kind sponsorship for the Economic Development Week breakfast event. Dupre, Carrier, and Godchaux will sponsor the food for the event, while St. Landry Economic Development will cover the costs associated with cleanup and staffing. Dirk Boudreaux made a motion to allow the use of the building as an in-kind sponsor. Yvonne Normand seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Retail Strategies: No representatives from Retail Strategies were present at the meeting, as they were traveling to attend an in-person meeting later that day.

Infrastructure Projects: Buddy Helton commented on the progress of the lighting projects along the I-49 corridor. Mr. Helton also noted that bids for the sewer plant project are scheduled to be opened later that day, March 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

New Business:

Cloverleaf Project: Rod Sias made a motion to approve ManCo Vegetation to complete the cuttings and herbicide treatments along the I-49 and Hwy 190 overpasses for a cost of \$5,225 and \$1,100 respectively. Tine Vidrine seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Vegetation Abatement: Yvonne Normand made a motion to approve ManCo Vegetation for up to 4 treatments at both the Equine Event Center and at the sewer treatment plant for \$2,250 per application, and 1 treatment at the underpass at the railroad for \$1,200 per treatment. Tina Vidrine seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Board Member Comments:

- Janece Riser noted that an additional quotation had been received for soffit repair at the Equine Center. Discussion ensued, and Dirk Boudreaux rescinded his original motion to approve Cares Metal to complete the work until further clarification on the scope of work is provided by the company. Yvonne Normand seconded the retraction of the motion, and it carried without objection.

With no further matters to be brought before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Tina Vidrine. The motion carried without objection. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Yvonne Lognion Normand

Chairman: Frank "Buddy" Helton