

Central St. Landry Economic Development District

Board Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: January 9, 2020 @ 8:30 am

Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas, LA 70570

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Pledge
- Roll Call
- Approval of the December 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report – Treasurer, Tina Vidrine
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
 - Sewer Project Update
 - Lighting Projects Update
 - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
 - EDD Update

The following members were present: Buddy Helton, Tina Vidrine, Yvonne Normand, and Dr. Derek Metoyer

The following member was absent: Pride Doran, Senic Batiste, and Ammy Taylor

The following non-voting member was present: Bill Rodier (CEO/Director of SLED)

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

There were also present: Glenda Carriere/SLED-Acting CSLEDD Secretary, Taylor Lormand/SLED, Herman Fuselier/St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission, William Jarrell/Morgan Goudeau and Associates, Purvis Morrison/City of Opelousas, Lena Charles/Chairwoman of ODDD and Ken Marks/Member of SLED.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Approval of December 2019 Commissioner Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the December 2019 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried out without objection.

Financial Report: Treasurer Tina Vidrine reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to accept the financial report as submitted. Motion carried out without objection.

Committee Reports:

Marketing Subcommittee Report: Chairman Buddy Helton reviewed the Marketing Committee's report for Committee Chair Ammy Taylor. They met with DOTD in Lafayette on December 18, 2019. The state said we could not put the sign there. They identified the clause and qualification. It was turned into the state and we are waiting on confirmation. Chairman Buddy Helton will have a meeting with Klout9 to clarify the deliverables and content to implement and push CSLEDD and ODDD. A motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to accept the marketing subcommittee's report as submitted. Motion carried out without objection.

Land-use Planning Committee: Report was made by Committee Chair Yvonne Normand. She stated that the meetings were held with the parish councilmen to explain the necessity for impute and alliance going forward with the I-49 corridor. It was explained to the Councilmen that we are looking at Carencro's Land Use policy. We would like to keep commercial along the interstate to create revenue for the parish. A motion was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Tina Vidrine to accept the land-use report as submitted. Motion carried out without objection.

Old Business:

Sewer Project Update and Actions: William Jarrell gave an update on the sewer treatment facility project. Entergy wants a larger right-away for electricity. They are looking at obtaining an additional 10 feet right-away from Mike Richard. William stated that we are looking at the next month or two before finishing design. We are currently waiting on a formal plan from Entergy. They are requesting three-phases, and a cost of overhead verses underground for electricity. There were concerns about who will operate and maintain the wastewater treatment plant after completion. The facility will be owned by St. Landry Parish Government. The property will have to be incorporated into the city once the sewer project is complete, then turned over to the City of Opelousas. We are looking at about one and a half years before completion.

Lighting Project Update and Actions: The following updates per interchange were provided:

- Hwy 190/Creswell Lane Exit – Chairman Buddy Helton reported that we are in progress and moving along to put together submittals. William Jarrell stated that Angie/Electrical Engineer will be submitting photometrics on existing in February 2020.
- Harry Guilbeau Exit – William Jarrell stated that the first step is to get into lighting system in order to obtain a project number from DOTD.

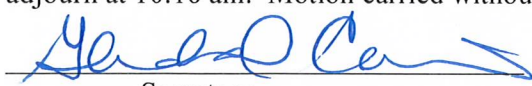
Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update:

Chairman Buddy Helton reported we had two litter pick-ups in November and one in December 2019. Buddy stated he is pushing Joey Boone to assist with litter pick up. Still looking at local inmate labor and getting the Sheriff on board. We would like to see all ramps and overpasses cleaned up, as well. Also, the Judson Walsh area could use shoveling clean up of the sediment. They could put cycles between our pick-ups. We continue to talk about litter enforcement with the Marshall's office.

EDD Update - Retail Strategies: Chairman Buddy Helton reported he spoke with William Turley from Retail Strategies. They have ICSC Southeast and Southwest and a list of companies they reached out to with available properties.

Masterplan/Gateway to Acadiana: Conversations continue with Boyd Gaming. We are trying to pin down a time with the executive team. Possibly in February we can bring a team to meet with them in Las Vegas.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to adjourn at 10:16 am. Motion carried without objection.


Secretary


Chairman