

## Central St. Landry Economic Development District

### Board Meeting

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

**Meeting Place: Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 886 2912 5540 Password: 045653

### AGENDA

- Welcome
- Pledge
- Roll Call
- Approval of the June 2020 Meeting Minutes
- 2019 Financial Report-Steve Moosa, Darnall Sikes & Frederick
- Financial Report – Tina Vidrine, Treasurer
- Election of Officers
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
  - Sewer Project Update
  - Lighting Projects Update
  - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
  - EDD District Update
    - Retail Strategies Update
    - LDG-Organizational Evaluation, Analysis, and Recommendations Update
    - Gateway Master Plan Update

The following members were present: Buddy Helton, Senic Batiste, Ammy Taylor and Yvonne Normand

The following members was absent: Tina Vidrine, Pride Doran, and Dr. Derek Metoyer

The following non-voting members were present: Bill Rodier (CEO/Director of SLED), and Glenda Carriere/SLED-Recording Secretary

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

There were also present: William Jarrell/Morgan Goudeau, Jim Bradshaw/Writer, Steve Moosa/CPA, and Dana Quebedeaux/CPA

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

Approval of June 2020 Commissioner Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the June 2020 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Senic Bastiste and seconded by Ammy Taylor to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

2019 Financial Report- Steve Moosa, Darnall Sikes & Frederick: Steve Moosa presented the independent audit report as per submitted to the state ethics commission from fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. Motion was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Senic Batiste to accept the independent audit report. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: In the absence of Tina Vidrine, Dana Quebedeaux reviewed the June 2020 Financial Report. A motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Senic Batiste to accept the financial report as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Election of officers: Chairman Buddy Helton opened the floor to nominations. A motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Ammy Taylor to maintain and reappoint the same slate of officers as last year going forward. Motion carried without objection.

### **Committee Reports:**

Land-use Planning Committee: Subcommittee Chair Yvonne Normand stated that she did not have any new information to report at this time regarding the I-49 Midway Corridor Project. Bill Rodier spoke to Katrena King and Rachel Godeaux from the Acadiana Planning Commission, and they have put together a draft of their scope of services in three phases.

#### Marketing Subcommittee Report:

- Signage on I-49: Subcommittee Chair Ammy Taylor was happy to report that our signs were in. We revealed one of the signs that will be going along the I-49 corridor.
- Klout9: Committee Chair Ammy Taylor stated that the last day for Klout9 services was July 8, 2020. Bill Rodier stated we have received all historical data from Klout9.

### **Old Business:**

Sewer Project Update and Actions: Chairman Buddy Helton reported the following good news.

- Initial submittals went to planning control and LDH. Bill Rodier had a conversation with Mike Richard to obtain the additional right of way. William Jarrell's office and Bruce Gaudin's office will take care of necessary legal paperwork for this transaction.
- William Jarrell and Bruce Gaudin have obtained signatures and executed the legal paperwork for the north end of the property ROW and the school board. William Jarrell is meeting with Jim Ryan and securing paperwork for the ROW. Don Leger performed an appraisal at a cost of \$600. The property is valued at \$4,000. Title work is in progress.
- DOTD permit has been submitted for approval.
- LDH is in the process of reviewing the plans and specifications, then submitting to facility and planning. We are expecting to start in the fourth quarter.
- William Jarrell stated that the cultural resource survey has been completed with no findings.

Lighting Project Update and Actions:

- Chairman Buddy Helton reported that our progress has been on hold for Highway 190, Creswell, and Harry Guilbeau due to going back and forth at the state level.
- Photo metric reports have been approved by Mike Armentor at the Baton Rouge office where they referred us to the district office in Lafayette for the lighting upgrades. William will get in touch with the district office for requirements, and start assembling the bid package. He will then meet with Angie and try to expedite this process. Reasonable expectations could possibly be the beginning of September 2020. William stated delivery times of fixtures and materials could be a problem due to COVID.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported the following:

- Litter and abatement cycles continue on schedule and contractors are doing a good job.
- Herbicide treatments continue on schedule with treatment at Hwy 190/I-49 and on the bayou bank by SLED office. An assessment will be done, but this should carry us until the end of the year.
- Chairman Buddy Helton stated he contacted Nick Chachere with the district office of DOTD regarding running the street sweepers over our bridge decks. DOTD is waiting for fiscal year and new budget and will get the bridge decks by the end of this month. We will try to schedule every two months.

EDD Update: Bill Rodier provided an update that Evangeline Downs negotiations remain on hold at this time as the Boyd Gaming management team evaluates their path forward through the COVID-19 effects. Mr. Rodier noted that developers are interested in Harry Guilbeau once we have construction of the wastewater facility and there is large parcel in the Team Honda area targeted for Medical use.

Retail Strategies: Bill Rodier stated that Retail Strategies is working with several tenants. The official closing date for Stage is August 30, 2020 and Retail Strategies is working on backfilling that space.

LDG Update: Bill Rodier stated that the Logan Group will make a presentation of their final presentation to the board chairs next week. Mr. Rodier further stated that this is the next step in the process before circulating the report to all the board members.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Ammy Taylor to adjourn at 9:43 am. Motion carried without objection.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman