

**Central St. Landry Economic Development District**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Date and Time: September 10, 2020 @ 8:30 am**  
**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA**

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the August 2020 Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Chairman Buddy Helton
- ❖ Committee Reports
  - Land Use
  - Communications
- ❖ New Business
  - CEA Amendments
  - District Boundary
- ❖ Old Business
  - Sewer Project Update
  - Lighting Projects Update
  - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
  - EDD District Update
    - Retail Strategies Update
    - Gateway Master Plan Update

The following members were present in person: Chairman Buddy Helton, Senic Batiste, Ammy Taylor, and Pride Doran

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

The following members were absent: none

The following non-voting members were present in person: Bill Rodier (CEO/Director of SLED), Glenda Carriere (SLED-Recording Secretary), Taylor Lormand (SLED), and Julius Alsandor (Mayor)

The following non-voting members were absent: Jessie Bellard (Interim Parish President), and Jerry Red (Parish Council Chairman)

The following guest was present in person: William Jarrell/Morgan Goudeau

The following guests were present virtually: Jim Bradshaw/Writer, Purvis Morrison, and Herman Fusilier

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 August 2020 Commissioner Meeting Minutes: Chairman Helton asked to amend the agenda which included the approval of the August 2020 meeting minutes. Chairman Buddy Helton also asked for approval of the July 2020 minutes. A motion to amend the agenda and approve the July 2020 meeting minutes was made by Pride Doran and seconded by Ammy Taylor. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: In the absence of Tina Vidrine, Chairman Buddy Helton reviewed the August 2020 Financial Report. A motion was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Senic Batiste to accept the financial report as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

### **Committee Reports:**

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Land-use Planning Committee: Subcommittee Chair Yvonne Normand stated she is waiting to get feedback from the seminar held by the planning commission and proposals from the consulting companies. She has nothing else to report currently. Land Use will be considered on the agenda in the October meeting.

The CEA was presented at the meeting in Grand Coteau and will be presented at the meetings in Sunset, Opelousas, and Washington in September 2020.

Marketing Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee Chair Ammy Taylor stated the sign company is behind schedule due to the hurricane. We are awaiting confirmation of when the installation of the sign will be.

### **New Business:**

CEA Amendments: Chairman Buddy Helton stated everyone should have reviewed the recommendations from the Logan Group Proposal. Board members requested to review the current CEA and take more time to review the recommendations made by the Logan Group. The board will hold a special meeting on September 24, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. This meeting will be a working session to give input and collect ideas to assemble an agreement to send to the attorney. In this meeting, they will also discuss the boundaries of the district. A motion to call a special meeting was made by Pride Doran and seconded by Senic Batiste. Motion carried without objection.

District Boundary: Chairman Buddy Helton stated we will have more discussions regarding the district boundaries in the special meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Sewer Project Update and Actions: Chairman Buddy Helton stated everything is moving forward. The bid opening for the sewer plant construction will be September 22, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the Parish Courthouse. Bruce Gaudin has the paperwork ready, and he will send it to the Mayor and Parish President. Mike Richard signed the paperwork for the sale of the land but requested we adjust the entrance to accommodate access to his property. William Jarrell has obtained the right of way from Jim Ryan. We contacted Entergy, and the power line will have to parallel the access road. We will get William Jarrell's recommendations and send them to the parish to award a contract.

Lighting Project Update and Actions: Chairman Buddy Helton reported another bid opening coming up for completion of the LED lighting for Creswell Lane, Hwy 190, and the underpass at Harry Guilbeau on October 6, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at Morgan Goudeau's office. We should have this to approve and award at our October meeting. We are still waiting on a project number for our lighting on Judson Walsh. Photometrics are complete, and we are at the point of submittal. As soon as we have a project number, we can take the next steps to coordinate with the state.


Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported that everything is moving along well. The contractor continues to do a great job. Manco completed another herbicide treatment and will come back to do spot spraying next week. DOTD is still looking to get the Street Sweeper. Burns should be picking up trash on future litter cycles.


EDD District Update: Bill Rodier provided an update on the following:

Retail Strategies: Bill Rodier stated that conversations continue with Retail Strategies. They are working with the school board and have two (2) clients interested in the backfilling of Stage. Andy Weiner and Rock Step Capital are still involved.

Gateway Master Plan Update: Bill Rodier continues to work with Boyd on obtaining the property on Highway 31 for an RV Park facility. He has two meetings scheduled with investment groups regarding the frontage property.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Pride Doran to adjourn at 10:18 am. Motion carried without objection.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman