

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

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the September 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Approval of the September 24, 2020 Special Public Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine, Treasurer
- ❖ Committee Reports
  - Land Use
  - Communications
- ❖ Old Business
  - CEA Amendments
    - Commissioners Statements
    - Joint Commission CEA Modification Proposal
      - Operational Support Summary
      - Funding
      - Cooperative Executive Committee
      - District Spending Boundaries
      - Other Changes to CEA
  - Sewer Project Update
  - Lighting Projects Update
  - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
  - EDD District Update

The following members were present in person: Chairman Buddy Helton, Tina Vidrine, Yvonne Normand, Senic Batiste, Ammy Taylor, Pride Doran and Dr. Derek Metoyer

The following members were absent: none

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

The following non-voting member was present virtually: Taylor Lormand (SLED)

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

The following guest were present in person: William Jarrell (Morgan Goudeau), Andy Dakin (Chairman of SLED), Lena Charles (Chairwoman of ODDD), and Raquel Manuel (Chamber of Commerce)

The following guests were present virtually: Jim Bradshaw/Writer and Herman Fusilier/St. Landry Parish Tourism

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Approval of September 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the September 10, 2020 regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Tina Vidrine and seconded by Ammy Taylor to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Approval of September 24, 2020 Special Public Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the September 24, 2020 special public meeting minutes, a motion was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Tina Vidrine reviewed the September 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. As it relates to our financials, the board members will discuss the details of our accounting services at our next scheduled meeting.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Land-use Planning Committee: Subcommittee Chair Yvonne Normand stated that we are still waiting for the Acadiana Planning Commission to give us a report. Bill Rodier stated it takes countless meetings with inner governments to come to an agreement. Acadiana Planning Commission wants to complete the first phase of the project, before moving on to the second phase.

Marketing Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee Chair Ammy Taylor stated that our signs were installed along I-49, entering, and exiting the district. Ammy Taylor and Senic Batiste are working on the beautification project at the I-49 and Hwy 190 interchange for landscaping. Senic Batiste contacted the company that would be able to design the landscaping, but not implement the work.

#### **Old Business:**

##### CEA Amendments:

Commissioners Statements: Chairman Buddy Helton stated that each board member would be afforded five minutes to give their statements. Every board member gave their suggestions on the advantages and disadvantages of the Logan Group's report.

##### Joint Commission CEA Modification Proposal:

Operational Support Summary: Chairman Buddy Helton stated that several meetings took place to discuss what percentage that CSLEDD would need to provide to SLED for operational support for sustainability moving forward. Chairman Andy Dakin of SLED stated some of the funding collected from these districts help support SLED for parish outreach and business retention. He said that SLED's budget and recurring income cannot afford to hire additional staff. A motion was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to move forward with the concept of providing additional resources to economic development for the support needed for the board. Motion carried without objection.



Funding: Recommendations were made to address the funding at our next board meeting. Each member will have their suggestions for changes to the CEA by November 1, 2020 to each other and discuss before the next scheduled meeting.

Cooperative Executive Committee: Recommendations were made to address the funding at our next board meeting. Each member will have their suggestions for changes to the CEA by November 1, 2020 to each other and discuss before the next scheduled meeting.

District Spending Boundaries: Recommendations were made to address the funding at our next board meeting. Each member will have their suggestions for changes to the CEA by November 1, 2020 to each other and discuss before the next scheduled meeting.

Other Changes to CEA: Recommendations were made to address the amendments to the CEA at our next board meeting. Each member will have their suggestions for changes to the CEA by November 1, 2020 to each other and discuss before the next scheduled meeting.

Sewer Project Updates: William Jarrell stated we received bids on the sewer project and submitted documentation to facility and planning control. The project came in under budget. We will receive \$1,395,000.00 from capital outlay. CSLEDD will pay all additional costs to complete the project. Bihm Construction Company, LLC, a St. Landry Parish contractor will be awarded the bid.

Lighting Project Update: William Jarrell received bids from several firms. E.P. Breaux was the low bidder on Tuesday for the I-49 lighting projects at Hwy 190, as well as Creswell Lane interchanges for \$148,500. William Jarrell's office is recommending the project be awarded and send out contracts to get that project moving quickly. A motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to accept the recommendations of Morgan Goudeau and Associates to award the bid to E.P. Breaux to have them move forward with that project.

They have placed the Judson Walsh project on hold until Photometrics is ready to be submitted to DOTD. The budget for this project is \$300,000.00 to cover engineer, sub-consultants, environmental, planning, and design.

We discussed the lighting project on Harry Guilbeau Road and will wait for an estimate from Morgan Goudeau and Associates with preliminary costs for the board to consider.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported that we had problems with the last litter abatement cycle. The contractors sent a substandard crew with substandard equipment to do the job. The contractors knocked a few light poles down along I-49. Chairman Buddy Helton inspected the rest of the light poles and contacted E.P. Breaux to repair. The litter abatement contractor agreed to pay for the repairs to the damaged poles and subtract from their next bill. A motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Senic Batiste to have EP Breaux repair the lighting. The litter abatement company has a five-year contract, and it is up for renewal. William Jarrell will prepare a letter.

EDD District Update: Bill Rodier stated he will give an update at our next scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Ammy Taylor to adjourn at 10:45 am. Motion carried without objection.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman