

Central St. Landry Economic Development District
Board Meeting
Meeting Date and Time: November 12, 2020 @ 8:30 am
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the October
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine, Treasurer
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Land Use
 - Communications
- ❖ Old Business
 - CEA Amendments
 - Joint Commission Amendment Modification Proposals
 - 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), Glenda Carriere (SLED-Recording Secretary), and 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) and Wayne Ardoin (Parish Council

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 October 08, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the October 8, 2020, regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Ammy Taylor to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Dana Quebedeaux reviewed the October 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.

Introduce the Amended Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020, and Ending December 31, 2020: Dana Quebedeaux introduced the amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020. The board members recommended changing the amount from \$185,00 for Creswell Lane and change Judson Walsh to Harry Guilbeau for \$500,000.

Introduce the Proposed Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal year Beginning January 1, 2021, and Ending December 31, 2021: Dana Quebedeaux introduced the proposed operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021.

William Jarrell provided information on the cost of the I-49 lighting project. The board members recommended the creation of a separate line item on the budget to allow for \$150,000 for the I-49 lighting project at Harry Guilbeau.

Engagement Letter: The board members recommended renewing the contract with John S. Dowling & Company. Their fees did not increase for the year 2021. A motion to sign the engagement letter was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Pride Doran. Motion carried with no objection.

Committee Reports:

Land-use Planning Committee: Subcommittee Chair Yvonne Normand stated nothing to go over today.

Marketing Subcommittee Report: Subcommittee Chair Ammy Taylor stated nothing to go over today. No updates at this time on the Hwy 190 and I-49 beautification project.

Old Business:

CEA Amendments:

Joint Commissioner Amendment Modification Proposals: Chairman Buddy Helton stated that not all members sent in their feedback. He proposed Part A- Compensation, Part B-Operational Support, and Part C-Cooperative Executive Committee. A motion for CSLEDD to move forward and increase funding to 10 percent of its collections to SLED for operational support was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Tina Vidrine. Motion carried with a three to two vote, with Senic Batiste and Dr. Derek Metoyer voting against. Pride Doran was absent.

Sewer Project Updates: William Jarrell stated that Facilities Planning & Control forwarded their approval to award the contract to the parish. The contract will be awarded pending bond verification and approval of substitute submittals by the contractor. The Parish Council Committee approved and forwarded to the full council the CEA between the Parish and City for transfer of the sewer plant to the City of Opelousas upon completion.

Lighting Project Update: Chairman Buddy Helton stated E.P. Breaux would be starting on I-49 and Creswell LED lighting upgrades and completing repairs at Harry Guilbeau due to damage caused by mowing operations. The Judson Walsh lighting project continues to make progress through state DOTD efforts. We will begin a dialog to move forward with an initiative to light Harry Guilbeau Road from I-49 to Hwy 182. Preliminary cost projections, design options, and engagement with Entergy will commence to determining the best options for this project.

DOTD is currently putting up traffic lights at the intersection of Hwy 182 and Harry Guilbeau.

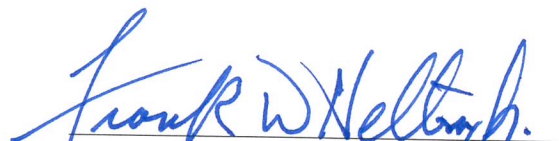
Board members stated they are hoping for a roundabout in the future, but traffic lights are a step moving forward.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported one cycle as per the contract in October 2020. There will be one last final cut and litter abatement in November 2020, then litter abatement only in December 2020. The litter abatement contract was passed on to the parish council for renewal. A letter has been prepared and sent to Jessie Bellard, Parish President, for his review. The herbicide treatment came in under budget at \$8,000.

EDD District Update: Bill Rodier stated we received a draft proposal from Acadiana Planning Commission on the I-49 Midway Corridor project. There is a significant business coming next to Our Savior's Church. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow with the director of DOTD. With the Wastewater Treatment Facility in place, there will be residential demand. Options are occurring with Boyd Gaming regarding two RV Facilities wanting to put an RV Park. A commercial business has a significant interest in Lowe's Property. Retail Strategies is coming in next week for a flyover of the project. A contract is pending on a healthcare facility and a major project proposed on the Sunset side along I-49. In 2021 we anticipate growth due to the completion of the sewer treatment plant.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Senic Batiste to adjourn at 10:45 am. Motion carried without objection.


Secretary


Chairman