

Central St. Landry Economic Development District
Board Meeting
Meeting Date and Time: January 14, 2021 @ 8:30 am
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the December Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine
- ❖ Insurance Premium
 - D&O Policy Renewal Premium
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Land Use
 - Communications
 - Presentation by Shannon Blakeman with Carbo Architects
- ❖ Old Business
 - Sewer Project Update
 - Lighting Projects Update
 - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update
 - EDD District Update

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

The following members were present virtually: Pride Doran

The following members were absent: Tina Vidrine

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 guests were present in person: Greg Brandl (Brandl Landscaping) and William Jarrell (Morgan Goudeau)

The following guests were present virtually: Jim Bradshaw (Writer), Herman Fusilier (Tourism), Pervis Morrison (City of Opelousas) Shannon Blakeman (CARBO), and William Turnley/Retail Strategies

It was determined that a quorum was present.

For the purpose of the organization, Chairman Buddy Helton opened the meeting at 8:34 am.

Approval of December 10, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of the December 10, 2020, regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Senic Batiste to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Chairman Buddy Helton reviewed the December 2020 Financial Report. A motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Ammy Taylor to accept the financial report as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Insurance Premium Renewal:

Director & Officer Policy: Chairman Buddy Helton stated that the directors and officer's policy is up for renewal, and we are currently waiting on a quote from the insurance company. If there are no significant changes to the premium, we will move forward with payment.

Committee Reports:

Land-use Planning Committee: Bill Rodier stated he would request the Acadiana Planning Commission to present the second phase of the I-49 Midway Corridor project if the board wishes to do so. The APC is reaching out to the USDA for grants and will present the overall cost. The parish will be participating. All cities along the I-49 corridor have signed an intergovernmental agreement but are still working out details of how to enforce this going forward.

Communications/Marketing Subcommittee Report: Senic Batiste contacted Shannon Blakeman with Carbo Architects, who joined us virtually to make a presentation. A meeting would have to be coordinated with DOTD since it is a state highway. Also, they would have to check with the city for their regulations. Shannon proposed four phases of the project. He will email the board his presentation.

Greg Brandl with Brandl Landscaping was here in person to give a presentation on amenities he could offer. He came prepared with hand drawings that he displayed for all the board members to view. He also discussed doing other intersections along the corridor in phases.

Old Business:

Sewer Project Updates: William Jarrell stated they are not starting on the sewer project until the end of February or early March 2021.

Lighting Project Update: Chairman Buddy Helton stated a vehicle hit a pole on I-49 at Harry Guilbeau Road, Northbound Exit. We received an estimate in the amount of \$2,750 from E.P. Breaux for the repairs. A motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Dr. Derek Metoyer to move forward and accept the bid. Motion carried with no objection.

E.P. Breaux is working on the LED upgrades and are 75% complete. Buddy stated he has a meeting scheduled with William and E.P. Breaux to finalize the project and get direction. There are issues in a couple of areas, and he wants to take care of all the down poles at one time. He stated he would like to see his punch list complete by the end of the month.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported a new contract is signed with Burns Maintenance Group, LLC. This month and next month will be litter abatement only. They will begin grass cutting season in March. He stated we need to consider our herbicide treatments in areas needing to get under control. He will have quotes from Manco by next month's meeting to complete herbicide treatments and woody growth treatments.

EDD District Update: William Turnley with Retail Strategies joined us virtually to give a presentation. He is still working on backfilling Stage, other things in the parish, and on Creswell Lane. He is talking to investors about acquiring the property. Retail Strategies was not aware that the Stage Property was up for sale. He is working with CSLEDD to offer an incentive package to engage investors who can locate here. William stated he has incentive information he can forward to us regarding Port St. Lucy, FL. CEO Bill Rodier said he would like to reconnect with William about the Evangeline Downs property. He stated there are several projects on Harry Guilbeau Road.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Ammy Taylor to adjourn at 10:16 am. Motion carried without objection.



Secretary



Chairman