

Central St. Landry Economic Development District
Board Meeting
Meeting Date and Time: April 08, 2021 @ 8:30 am
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the March Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine
- ❖ Cooperative Committee Agreement
- ❖ Compliance Questionnaire
- ❖ Board Member Reappointment Process
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Land Use
 - I-49 Midway Corridor Phase II
 - Communications
- ❖ Old Business
 - I-49 Lighting Update
 - Harry Guilbeau Lighting
 - EVD Master Plan
 - Sewer Project Update
 - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update

The following members were present in person: Chairman Buddy Helton, Senic Batiste, Ammy Taylor, Tina Vidrine and Dr. Derrick Metoyer

The following members were present virtually: Yvonne Norman

The following members were absent: Pride Doran

The following non-voting members were present in person: Bill Rodier (CEO of SLED), Taylor Lormand (SLED)

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

The following guests were present in person: William Jarrell (Morgan Goudeau)

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

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Buddy Helton opened the meeting at 8:36 am.

Approval of March 11, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of March 11, 2021, regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Tina Vidrine to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Tina Vidrine presented the March 2021 Financial Report.

Cooperative Committee Agreement –Chairman Helton gave an update on the Cooperative Committee Agreement. Bill Rodier stated that he will be meeting with Andy Dakin, the Chairman of the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District ahead of their April meeting to discuss the CCA and the proposed Scope of Services. Conversations have begun with David Wolf regarding the legal contractual requirements and guidelines moving forward.

Compliance Questionnaire – Chairman Helton presented the Audit Compliance Questionnaire necessary to proceed with the current year audit process with Darnell Sikes. Motion to allow the Chairman to sign on behalf of the board by Ammy Taylor and second by Dr. Metoyer. Motion carried without objection.

Board Member Reappointment Process – Chairmen Helton reminded the board that there would be five members whose terms will be expiring effective June 30th, 2021. These members are: Ammy Taylor, Scenic Batiste, Derek Metoyer, Tina Vidrine and Pride Doran. Mr. Rodier reminded the board that per the language in the establishing CEA that Vision St Landry has a responsibility to solicit and vet candidates to the appropriate appointing authorities for the CSLEDD Board. He further stated that current members with an interest in serving an additional term on the board would need to complete an updated board application. Mr. Rodier noted that if there were vacancies for the board, Vision St. Landry would advertise and interview for the position(s). A question was raised about the legal requirement to advertise the openings, Chairman Helton stated that we would get a legal opinion to ensure compliance. Applications were provided to all board members present.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Report:

I-49 Midway Corridor Phase II: Mr. Rodier stated that there had been a rough calculation on the percentage of land in the St Landry Parish Midway Corridor that is in the CSLEDD District. He proposed that this was approximately 28%. Mr. Rodier reminded the board that the Acadiana Planning Commission applied for a grant with USDA which was submitted on February 26, 2021, for \$30,000 of an overall \$133,000 cost. He also reminded the board that the initial Phase II that would focus on modeling the Carenero Performance Land Use overlay and further implement it through the whole I-49 Corridor in St. Landry Parish. Mr. Rodier proposed that CSLEDD contribute the appropriate percentage of their district to the remaining balance of the plan cost after subtracting the USDA Grant. He further suggested that if this were agreeable that he would ask the Industrial Development Board to consider covering the remaining balance of the plan cost. Motion to approve covering the districts percent of the cost of the Phase II, minus the USDA Grant and contingent on the approval of the Industrial Development Board supporting the balance of the project was proposed by Scenic Batiste and seconded by Tina Vidrine. Motion carried without objection.

Communications Report: Ammy Taylor stated she does not have a communication report this month.

Old Business:

Lighting Project Update: Chairman Helton noted that there were no police reports on the poles that we knocked down on I-49. William Jarrell stated that EP Breaux was on site and that the cost of the repair work that was previously approved up to 40k. Chairman Helton noted that additional costs more than 40k were previously approved for the repair of light poles that were knocked down in accidents.

William Jarrell provided an overview of the lighting plan layout for Harry Guilbeau road from I-49 to Hwy 182. This includes 30 400-watt fixtures on the south side of the road and 5 fixtures on the north side of the road. He shared that upfront cost of the light to CSLEDD for the lights would be \$9,088.00. He further stated that the recurring monthly cost for the lights to CSLEDD would be \$750 for monthly electrical usage. Motion to accept the capital cost for the project, as well as the recurring maintenance cost was made by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Dr Metoyer. Motion carried without objection.


EVD Master Plan Update Bill Rodier presented a recap to the board of the timeframe and the scope of the EVD Master Plan that was completed by a consortium led by the firm Populous. Mr. Rodier stated that he had recently been in contact with a member of the executive team from Boyd gaming who informed him that their travel policies had recently changed for their senior executive team. He further noted that they expect their senior executive team to be at the EVD Property in late May, early June timeframe. Mr. Rodier noted that Boyd Gaming has a strong preference in the plan to see the event/equine center placed on the east side of the site instead of the west side of the site. He reminded the board that this was the original concept. He suggested that the board consider getting someone to modify the site plan design to have the multi-use center and RV park on east side of the site for a presentation with the Boyd Senior Executive Team. A motion was made to allow for up to \$5,000 in costs to get modified drawings completed. Motion was made by Tina Vidrine and seconded by Senic Batiste. Motion carried without objection.

Sewer Project Updates: William Jarrell stated that contractor has started on the wastewater treatment facility in multiple locations, which includes the construction of the access road to the plant site. My Jarrell stated the sign would be up for the project in the next couple of weeks and per the recommendation of Mr. Rodier SLED will work to schedule a formal groundbreaking once the sign is installed. The board agreed that 10:00AM would be the best time for a ceremony.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Buddy Helton reported that we had the first cutting of the year. This month will start two cycles per month. He stated he is monitoring the growth of vegetation on concrete areas for herbicide treatment and that he expects Manco to come out in the next couple of weeks to make on their first treatment depending on the growth.

Ammy Taylor reported that AOK services was still waiting on DOTD permitting to proceed forward with their maintenance at the intersection of Hwy 190 and I-49. Chairman Helton stated he would also reach out to the DOTD area representative to see if he can help expedite the process.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Norman and seconded by Senic Batiste to adjourn at 9:59 am. Motion carried without objection.


Secretary


Chairman