

Central St. Landry Economic Development District
Board Meeting
Meeting Date and Time: June 10, 2021 @ 8:30 am
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the April Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine
- ❖ Industrial Board Support Agreement
- ❖ Board Member Reappointment Process
- ❖ Traffic Analysis
- ❖ 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, Yvonne Normand, Ammy Taylor, and Dr. Derick Metoyer

The following members were absent: Pride Doran, Tina Vidrine,

The following non-voting members were present in person: Bill Rodier (CEO of SLED), Janece Riser (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), Jim Bradshaw, Charles Caligari (Carencro High School AOIT Program Summer Intern) , Steve Moosa (Darnall Sikes Fredrick), Greg Brandle

It was determined that a quorum was present.

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

Approval of May 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of May 13, 2021, regular board meeting minutes, a motion was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Senic Batiste to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Chairman Buddy Helton presented the May 2021 Financial Report. Yvonne Normand presented the question of sales taxes for online orders and how they are tracked. After discussion it was decided that maybe the local collection agent would be the best place to begin the search.

2020 Audit Report Presentation: Steve Moosa with Darnall, Sikes, Fredrick presented the May 2021 Financial Report.

Retail Strategies Renewal: Chairman Helton advised that presentation was not available today and will be pushed back a month. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that a presentation would be welcomed.

Industrial Board Support Agreement: Chairman Helton gave an update on the SLED operational support agreement. It was presented to the Industrial Board Executive Committee on Tuesday. It will be presented to the full board next week and is expected to finalize and approve the agreement next month. The next step is a process of amending the CEA between the boards to adequately reflect the language of the operational support agreement and the adjusted compensation for these services. Conversations have continued with David Wolf regarding the legal contractual requirements and guidelines.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Report:

I-49 Midway Corridor Phase II: Bill Rodier advised the board that the industrial board was conceptually in agreement in a cost share but was waiting on an update from USDA on their grant participation for the project. Bill advised that he was given verbal confirmation that the \$30,000 USD grant was approved. He also gave a brief presentation on the entire process and advised it can take upwards of two years to complete the process.

Communications Report: Press release and groundbreaking ceremony are potentially Wednesday June 16, 2021 at the Wastewater Project site at 10am pending good weather.

Old Business:

I-49 Lighting Project Update:

- Highway 190 and Creswell I-49 Interchanges: 98% completion. EP Breaux waiting on materials. Should be completed within 30 days.
- Judson Walsh: Chairman Helton reported that CSLED is still waiting on a project number. State DOTD previously agreed to do the project. Last update there was a surveyor through the state contracted vendor doing the entire project which includes Judson Walsh.
- Harry Guilbeau Lighting: William Jarrell advised there is some troubleshooting going on because the lights are intermittently off and on. One fixture and arm left to install. Chairman Helton said he received an email from Mr. Ted Johnson with Entergy. Job was released about a month or so ago. Once materials come in they will finish it up completely within a month2.

EVD Masterplan: Chairman Helton reported that the negotiations are continuing to move forward with the 120 acres at the back side of the property. Boyd's travel restricts have not been lifted but as soon as it is their boards will travel. Foam board was presented showing the almost 200 camping slots including the added glamping area. The retail space and equine area are included.

Bill Rodier reminded of Chairman Helton's suggested negotiating purchasing the property by CSLEDD from Boyd going forward where it would give us more options to control directions of

the projects, but also provided a B plan of an option agreement similar to the Walmart Distribution Center deal. A discussion occurred with requests for consideration that the back area be given to wildlife and walking trail/bike trail/cart trail. Chairman Helton reminded that one concern was the sewer system capacity and with the addition of the new sewer system, that will no longer be a concern.

Sewer Project Update: Chairman Helton reported that the Capital Outlay is moving forward. Sewer project is moving along. William Jarrell gave update on sewer plant site. The access road has been strained because of the weather and mud. Weather has played a huge part in the progress. William Jarrell stated that the project has been moving slowly crawling because the land is too wet. The contractor is still having difficulty finding dry materials and keeping the roads free of mud.

Chairman Helton gave an update on the 75/25 match funding on the lift station is currently being lobbied in the House as we speak. If approved, funds should be available late February and March. Chairman Helton explains that this is not a separate project but gives funds to complete the next phase of the project.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Helton reported Burns is on task. Herbicide treatments through Manco started and run through August/September. The chairman has signed for the p

Manco will provide Herbicide treatment within the next couple of weeks weather permitting.

Greg Brandle gave an update on the health of the trees along I-49 and advice going forward.

Announcements: Bill Rodier advised of ODDD Master plan public hearing on June 17th at 12:00pm at the SLED Office. Yvonne Norman advised of a meeting on July 14th at the Tourism Commission at 5:30pm. They are trying to establish a 100-mile biking/hiking trail going directly through St. Landry Parish.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Norman and seconded by Ammy Taylor to adjourn at 10:23 am. Motion carried without objection.


Secretary


Chairman