

Central St. Landry Economic Development District

**Board Meeting**

**Meeting Date and Time: June 8, 2023 @ 8:30 am**  
**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA**

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ CSLEDD Business Recognition Program – Andrepont Printing
- ❖ Approval of the May 11, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report
  - Acceptance of the Audit Report
- ❖ Election of Officers
- ❖ Old Business
  - Equine Sales Facility consideration
  - Murals Update
  - Guilbeau-Granger Estate Property
  - Sewer Project Update
  - Vegetation Maintenance and Litter Abatement Update
  - Retail Strategies Monthly Update

The following members were present in person: Buddy Helton, Ammy Taylor, Tina Vidrine, Rod Sias, Dr. Derek Metoyer, Yvonne Normand,

The following members were absent: Senic Batiste

The following non-voting members were present virtually: None

The following non-voting members were present in person: Teresa Reaves (SLED), Janece Riser (SLED), Julius Alsandor (City of Opelousas Mayor)

The following non-voting members were absent: Jessie Bellard (Parish President), and Jerry Red Jr. (Parish Council)

The following guests were present in person: Mr. Andre Andrepont (Andrepont Printing), Mr. Bobby Ardoin (St Landry Now Newspaper), Mr. Steve Moosa (Darnell, Sikes, and Frederick), Mr. Charles Jagneaux (St Landry Parish Clerk of the Court), Mr. Herman Fuselier (St Landry Parish Tourism), Kisharra Angeley

The following guests were present virtually: Mr. Ken Simeral (SLED Board Member), Ms. Lyndsay Bailey (Retail Strategies)

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Helton recognized the guests, thanked everyone for their time, and opened the meeting at 8:37 AM.

Chairman Buddy Helton introduced The St Landry Parish Clerk of Courts, Mr. Charles Jagneaux who swore in the board members that have been re-appointed: Chairman Buddy Helton, 4-yr term ending 2027; Mr. Rod Sias, 2-yr term ending 2025; Mrs. Yvonne Normand, 4-yr term ending 2027; and Dr. Derek Metoyer, 2-yr term ending 2025.

CSLEDD Business of the Month – Andrepont Printing: Chairman Helton introduced Mr. Andre Andrepont from Andrepont printing and presented the Business of the Month recognition award. Established in 1952 by Lawrence Andrepont and born from the job printing department of the Opelousas Daily World newspaper, Andrepont Printing has long been known for innovation in printing and a commitment to service. In 1992, another expansion brought Andrepont Printing to its current location on the I-49 Service Road in south Opelousas. Philip Andrepont, Lawrence’s youngest son, has guided the continued growth of the company since the 1970s, and today Philip’s son Andre continues the company’s mission, honoring their heritage while always looking ahead to what’s next.

Approval of the May 11, 2023, Minutes: Chairman Helton asked if anyone had any changes or corrections to the May minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Yvonne Normand to accept the May 11<sup>th</sup>, CSLEDD Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ammy Taylor. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Tina Vidrine gave the financial report and went over the income and expenditures. Everything was straight forward. Tax collections are experiencing a healthy up-tic and are expected to continue through the year.

Audit Report: Mr. Steve Moosa from the accounting firm of Darnell, Sikes and Frederick Public Accountants explained the audit process and went over the various sections of income and expenses. Mr. Moosa explained that an independent accounting firm must provide the audit. Mr. Moosa reported that no violations were found, and everything complies. Questions and discussion ensued.

Election of Officers: The Election of Officers process was as follows:

- Secretary Nomination - A motion to nominate Mrs. Yvonne Normand as secretary was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Mrs. Ammy Taylor. Mrs. Yvonne Normand accepted the nomination. A motion to accept Mrs. Normand as Secretary was made by Dr. Derek Metoyer and seconded by Mrs. Ammy Taylor. The motion was carried without objection.
- Treasurer Nomination - A motion to nominate Ms. Tina Vidrine for Treasurer was made by Chairman Buddy Helton and seconded by Mrs. Yvonne Normand. Ms. Tina Vidrine accepted the nomination. A motion to accept Ms. Tina Vidrine as treasurer was Made by Chairman Buddy Helton and seconded by Mrs. Yvonne Normand. The motion was carried without objection.
- Vice Chairman Nomination - A motion to nominate Mr. Senic Batiste for Vice Chairman was made by Chairman Buddy Helton and seconded by Mrs. Ammy Taylor. The motion stands as Mr. Senic Batiste was not present to accept the nomination.

• Chairman - A motion to nominate Mr. Frank “Buddy” Helton for Chairman was made by Ms. Tina Vidrine and seconded by Mrs. Ammy Taylor. Mr. Helton accepted the nomination. A motion to accept Mr. Helton as Chairman was Made by Ms. Tina Vidrine and seconded by Mrs. Ammy Taylor. The motion was carried without objection.

CSLEDD Board Officers for 2023 are as follows:

- Chairman, Frank “Buddy” Helton
- Treasurer, Ms. Tina Vidrine
- Secretary, Mrs. Yvonne Lognion ` Normand

**Old Business:**

Equine Sales Facility Consideration: Chairman Buddy Helton introduced Mr. Ken Simeral from the SLED Board who is also a Commercial Realtor and has been available to provide advice on the possible purchase. There were questions and discussion regarding the purchase of the facility. Ms. Ammy Taylor requested a Performa be done before we go forward. Further discussion ensued. The considered offer is 1.5 million dollars. Mr. Simeral confirmed that it is a good investment and agreed in relation to the Proforma. Further conversation ensued. A motion was made to make the offer of 1.5 million with contingencies of an appraisal, Proforma and that the purchase of the Guildbeau-Granger Estate property is completed, as well as doing due diligence with a time frame of 180 days by Ammy Taylor and seconded by Yvonne Normand. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Ammy Taylor for Chairman Helton to sign the contract. Seconded by Tina Vidrine. Motion Carried.

Murals Update: Chairman Helton gave a report on the Judson Walsh mural completion and mentioned that the equine mural is underway at the Hamilton Oak Wall at Hwy190 and I-49. Discussion ensued about the possible restoration of the silo’s owned by Boyd Gaming.

Guildbeau-Granger Estate Property: Chairman Helton gave an update on the purchase of the property.

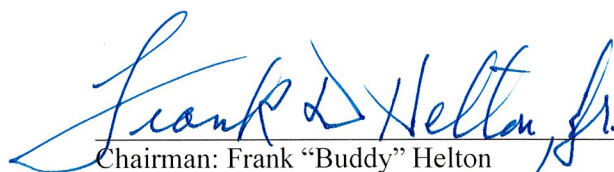
Sewer Project Update: Chairman Helton reported that forced main near the Giles property is moving along nicely.

Vegetation Maintenance and Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Helton reported that the state contract for mowing is now with CSLEDD directly rather than going through the parish. It will begin in July and will make the project work much better. Chairman Helton reported that the person who has started up an illegal log splitting venture at the end of Judson Walsh is being cleaned up by DOTD and the person responsible will moved out and charged for the clean-up.

Retail Strategies: Lyndsey Bailey gave an in-depth report on retail updates, her trip to Las Vegas, and exciting possibilities for St. Landry and Opelousas. Ms. Baily reported that Harlan Winn is no longer with Retail Strategies, and there will be three new people joining her to work with our account.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by Tina Vidrine. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

  
Secretary: Yvonne Lognion Normand

  
Chairman: Frank “Buddy” Helton