

Central St. Landry Economic Development District

Board Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: August 10, 2023 @ 8:30 am

Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas LA

AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ CSLED Business Recognition Program - Courville Toyota
- ❖ Approval of the July 13, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report
- ❖ Old Business
 - Réserve Naturelle de la Paroisse de Saint Landry Update
 - Equine Sales Facility Consideration Update
 - Mural Update
 - Sewer Project Update
 - CEA
 - Retail Strategies Monthly Update
- ❖ New Business
 - Lighting Project
 - Bernhard Quote

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

The following members were absent: Ammy Taylor

The following non-voting members were present virtually: Janece Riser (SLED),

The following non-voting members were present in person: Bill Rodier (SLED) Teresa Reaves (SLED), Brittany Cretchain (SLED),

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. Bobby Ardoin (St Landry Now), Mr. Dale Marks, Mr. Michael Cullen (Land Architecture), Mr. Dale Marks

The following guests were present virtually: Ms. Lyndsey Bailey (Retail Strategies), Mr. Adam Shackelford (Retail Strategies), Mr. Kade Jones (APC)

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Helton recognized the guests, thanked everyone for their time, and opened the meeting at 8:34 AM.

CSLEDD Business of the Month – Courville Toyota: Chairman Helton introduced the Business of the month as Courville Toyota. They have been in business in Opelousas for a very long time. They were one of the first Toyota dealerships in Louisiana. They were the first major business to move forward and out onto the I-49 Corridor / Service Road.

Approval of the July 13, 2023, Minutes: Chairman Helton asked if anyone had any changes or corrections to the July minutes. A motion was made by Senic Batiste to accept the July 13th Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Normand. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Chairman Helton gave the financial report in the absence of Mrs. Tina Vidrine. He went over the income and expenditures and stated that nothing was out of the ordinary. Audit trails for the month were up 7.4% for the month and up 7.1% for the year. Chairman Helton expects that if the trend stays up, we should end the year up by 7-10%.

Old Business:

Réserve Naturelle de la Paroisse de Saint Landry – Update: Chairman Helton introduced Mr. Michael Cullen from Land Architecture. Mr. Bill Rodier gave a short overview of the possible project. Mr. Cullen then gave his recommendations on the use of the wetlands. He gave a list of possible uses, ideas, and security needs. There was an active discussion and several questions. Chairman Helton asked Mr. Cullen what the next steps should be and what the costs would be. C to consider beginning the project, would be a base plan, site investigation, and then create a master plan. The cost of that work with Land Architecture would be \$14,620.00. A motion to have land architecture put together a proposal/presentation to present to the community on a date in about four to six weeks was made by Mrs. Yvonne Normand and was seconded by Mr. Senic Batiste. Motion carried without objection.

Equine Sales Facility Consideration Update: Chairman Buddy Helton gave an update on the purchase of the Equine Sales facility. Chairman Helton went over the meeting with the Equine Sales Facilities board regarding the counteroffer. We are now waiting for their board determination.

Mural Update: Chairman Helton gave a report on the mural. It is near completion. The heat has been a major factor in slowing down the completion.

Sewer Project Update - CEA: Mr. William Jarrell was present to give an update on the sewer project. He reported that Entergy is unable to provide power due to supply chain issues delaying the equipment. Mr. Jarrell reported that the developer wants to build a model home and is requesting that CSLEDD take care of the fees to pump out the sump pump as needed. Discussion ensued. A motion to provide a letter that says the CSLEDD Board will provide what needs to be done until the pump station is ready to take over was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Tina Vidrine up to the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried without objection. Chairman Helton went on the report that on the State level the money that funds the sewer project inadvertently went to SLED rather

than CSLEDD. A motion was made by Mrs. Yvonne Normand to allow Chairman Buddy Helton authority to sign the CEA between SLED and CSLEDD. Motion seconded by Mrs. Tina Vidrine. Motion Carried without objection.

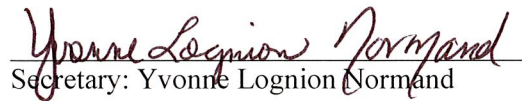
Retail Strategies: Lyndsey Bailey gave a report regarding some new interest in St. Landry Parish and the excitement that she has promoting our area. She sent a more detailed and confidential report by e-mail.

New Business:

Lighting Project – Bernhard Quote: Chairman Helton gave a report regarding some of the lighting situations with the equipment that needs repaired or replaced. Mrs. Janece Riser reported that the amount to replace them is \$8,000.00.

Comments: Mr. Bill Rodier gave some updates on Loves. Discussion ensued.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Yvonne Normand and seconded by. Meeting adjourned.


Secretary: Yvonne Lognion Normand


Chairman: Frank "Buddy" Helton