

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

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of the June 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report – Tina Vidrine
- ❖ Election of Officers
- ❖ Committee Reports
  - Land Use
  - Communications
- ❖ Boyd Gaming Purchase Agreement and MOU
- ❖ Retail Strategies – Contract Renewal
- ❖ Industrial Support Board Agreement – Review CEA and Operation Support Agreement
- ❖ Old Business
  - Lighting Projects Update
  - Sewer Project Update
  - Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update

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

The following members were absent: Pride Doran

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 Dexter Brown (Parish Council Chairman) Taylor Lormand (SLED),

The following guests were present in person: Dwayne Hargroder (Hargroder Real Estate Group)

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Buddy Helton opened the meeting at 8:36 am. Chairman Helton requested an amendment to the agenda to add in the CEA for the Midway Corridor CEA authorization. a motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Tina Vidrine to accept minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Approval of June 10, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes: Following a review of June 10, 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 June 2021 Financial Report. Chairman Buddy Helton advised with the Fourth of July Holiday; the June Audit Trail has not been received. It will be presented in the August meeting.

**Election of Officers:** Motion to roll all officer positions to the next term was made by Senic Batiste, Seconded by Yvonne Normand. Motion carried without objections.

**I-49 Midway Corridor Phase II CEA:** Motion to give Chairman Buddy Helton authorization to sign the CEA for the Midway Corridor Phase II was given by Dr. Metoyer. Seconded by Senic Batiste. Motion carried without objections.

**Committee Reports:**

Land Use Report: Bill Rodier advised the contract with APC is going through legal review. Should be completed and executed in the month of July.

Communications Report: Bill Rodier advised that we are working with Jim Bradshaw to get an interim communication strategy for the remainder of the year in place while the program of work is being finalized. There was a discussion about different ways to get the word out of the boards.

Boyd Gaming Purchase Agreement and MOU: Dwayne Hargroder discussed the terms of the existing Agreement and MOU. He advised that he is doing this pro bono. This is a fluid document, a starting point and not set in stone. Motion to go forward with the Boyd Agreement and MOU and have Chairman Buddy Helton act on behalf of the Board was given by Yvonne Normand. Seconded by Tina Vidrine. Motion carried without objection.

Retail Strategies Renewal: Chairman Helton advised that the meeting with Retail Strategies went well and gave an update on their workings. After a brief discussion, a motion to engage in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year with Retail Strategies in the amount of \$40,000.00 was given by Yvonne Normand. Seconded by Senic Batiste. Motion carried without objections.

Industrial Board Support Agreement: Chairman Helton gave an overview of the Industrial Board CEA and support agreement. He advised the board the support agreement will be cleaned up and added as an attachment. He advised the board that these documents would be sent to David Wolf for review and input. A motion to accept the submitted CEA and support agreement pending legal review was given by Tina Vidrine. Seconded by Yvonne Norman. Motion carried without objections.

**Old Business:**

I-49 Lighting Project Update:

- Highway 190 and Creswell I-49 Interchanges: Chairman Helton advised this project is 98% completion. EP Breaux waiting on a few components. 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: Chairman Helton advised that this project is 98% complete. The contractor is still waiting on materials and should be completed within a month. Yvonne Normand suggested a ribbon cutting once the product is completed.

Sewer Project Update: Chairman Helton reported the roads are drying well. There's no delay with the rain. Things are still on task going forward.

Vegetation Maintenance/Litter Abatement Update: Chairman Helton reported that Burns is on task. Weather was a problem but seems to be working out well. Reimbursement from the state should be coming soon. Herbicide treatments through Manco have begun and run through August/September. The state street sweepers will be coming soon to clean up the corridor exits.

The mulch for the I49/Hwy 190 clover leaf is coming along slowly. There was a problem with coordination of the a large enough truck and the delivery people on site. Chairman Buddy Helton advised Bayou Containers will charge approximately \$2,400 to haul 5-6 400-yard loads of mulch to the needed locations. Motion to engage with Bayou up to \$2,400 was given by Yvonne Normand. Seconded by Senic Batiste. Motion carried without objection.

Announcements: Dr. Derek Metoyer advised that he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Opelousas General. He would like to be a vessel to promote positive things in the medical community in St. Landry Parish.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Yvonne Normand to adjourn at 9:49 am. Motion carried without objection.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman