



### **Board Meeting**

**Date and Time: September 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas, LA 70570**

### **AGENDA**

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge and Opening Prayer
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of August 2020 Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Financial Report
- ❖ **New Business**
  - Keith Broussard to address the board
- ❖ **Old Business**
  - City of Opelousas Updates
  - CPEX Masterplan Monthly Report
  - City Beautification Projects
  - ODDD Logo
  - LDG Evaluation
- ❖ Board Member Comments
- ❖ Adjourn

The following members were present in person: Chairwoman Lena Charles, Keith Broussard, Don D’Avy, Pat Fontenot, Ogden Pitre, and Rob Hillard.

The following members were present virtually: Sarah Branton

The following members were absent: None

The following SLED staff members were in attendance: Bill Rodier/CEO-Director, Taylor Lormand/ED Specialist, and Glenda Carriere/ED Support Coordinator.

There were also present virtually: Herman Fusilier/St. Landry Parish Tourism, Jim Bradshaw/Writer, and Sabrina Salling/CLECO.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

***Approval of August 2020 Meeting Minutes:*** A motion to approve the August 2020 meeting minutes was made by Don D’Avy and seconded by Keith Broussard. Motion carried without objection.

***Financial Report:*** Keith Broussard provided an overview of the August 2020 financials. A motion to accept the August 2020 financials was made by Pat Fontenot and seconded by Don D’Avy. Motion carried with no objection.

## **New Business**

***Keith Broussard to address board:*** Keith Broussard stated that part of our responsibility is community development. He suggested that we participate in voter registration and promoting the upcoming election. He also stated that we should have shown our support for the Census and endorsed the process. Chairwoman Lena Charles said she would like to discuss the legalities with Ogden Pitre. The deadline to register to vote is October 4, 2020.

## **Old Business**

***City of Opelousas:*** A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at the Judson Walsh Bridge. Central St. Landry Development District contributed \$90,000 to Entergy to relocate the electrical utilities and help expedite the project.

The deadline for Capital Outlay is November 1, 2020. There is \$19.5 million dedicated to Vine Street from Capital Outlay with DOTD. There is \$200,000 allowed by the Secretary to fund the environmental study. We have the support of Jessie Bellard, Parish President.

The city received Capital Outlay to do road surface overlays on Heather Drive. They also received the money in Capital Outlay for the water treatment plant and water meters.

***CPEX Masterplan Monthly Report:*** An advisory committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. They will be discussing the vision statement and getting the details. The events that were scheduled for September were postponed due to COVID. Conversations took place with Camille Manning Broom of CPEX about creating green space, walkable paths, and biking trails along Vine Street.

***City Beautification:*** Board members inquired about the groundwork still being performed at the courthouse. Taylor Lormand stated that the hurricane delayed this process, and the tree company had issues with its equipment. The project is now complete. Board members asked for a sign to acknowledge ODDD’s participation.

The Walking Ladies of Opelousas have an annual fundraiser to pay for the courthouse lighting projects of twelve oak trees and the nativity set. Due to COVID, they will not be able to have their fundraiser this year. The question was raised for ODDD to help fund their project. Members suggested the Walking Ladies could partner with other organizations in Opelousas, such as CLECO and Mainstreet, to help with the funding of this project.

The Grand Opening of the Walking Trail will take place Saturday, October 24, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

***ODDD Logo:*** Taylor Lormand presented three logos for the board members to choose from. Members suggested to change one of the buildings on the logo to represent and reflect a better image of Opelousas. Other members recommended to remove all the buildings from the logo. The decision was taken not to accept proposed logo.

***LDG Evaluation:*** Bill Rodier stated the need for a path to move forward with the recommendations of the Logan Group. Board members discussed the plan as presented and each shared their views on proposed LDG plan. Board members suggested the need for a more comparative analysis of skilled and technical needs to support board that is not covered by 8% of income received monthly. Board Members stated they were charged with the task to help improve the infrastructure of their district. Members want to know what percentage of the work that is being done for ODDD. They want to see details of what SLED needs to support these boards.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Friday, October 23, 2020, at 9:00 am at SLED.

There being no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was moved by Keith Broussard and seconded by Ogden Pitre and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 pm.



Secretary



Chairman