



**Board Meeting**  
**Date and Time: April 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road, Opelousas, LA 70570**

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge and Opening Prayer
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ **New Business**
  - Sustainability Partners
    - Presentation of potential ODDD Project
    - Board Discussion + Open Floor Q&A
- ❖ Adjourn

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

The following members were present by phone: Rob Hillard

The following member was absent: none

The following SLED staff member was present in person: Bill Rodier/CEO and Taylor Lormand/E.D. Specialist

The following SLED staff members were absent: none

There were also present in person:

- Representative Dustin Miller
- Parish President Jessie Bellard
- Mayor Julius Alsandor
- Chief Martin McClendon – Opelousas Police Department
- Eric Street, Investment Developer – Sustainability Partners
- Jason Hewitt, Partner – Sustainability Partners
- Donnie Perron, President – St. Landry Parish School Board
- Raymond Cassimere - St. Landry Parish School Board
- Randy Wagley - St. Landry Parish School Board
- Hazel Sias - St. Landry Parish School Board
- Jerome Robinson - St. Landry Parish School Board
- Anthony Standberry - St. Landry Parish School Board
- Joyce Haynes - St. Landry Parish School Board
- Milton Ambres - St. Landry Parish School Board
- Mary Ellen Donatto - St. Landry Parish School Board
- Herman Fusilier – St. Landry Parish Tourism
- Melanie LeBouef – City of Opelousas Tourism
- Raquel Manuel – St. Landry Chamber of Commerce
- Candace Miles – St. Landry Parish Government
- Karia Raymi – St. Landry Parish Government
- Bobby Ardoin – Daily World

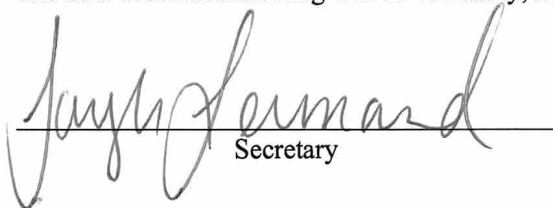
It was determined that a quorum was present and Chairwoman Lean Charles opened the meeting at 1:45pm.

**New Business:**

- ***Sustainability Partners:***
  - Representative Miller began with a presentation of the Donald Gardner Stadium Improvement project's history and explained its evolution over the previous weeks.
  - Chairwoman Lena requested that questions be held until the initial presentations were concluded.
  - Mayor Alsandor continued by expressing his support of the improvements to the Donald Gardner Stadium, stating the current need for adolescents to travel outside of St. Landry Parish to access quality sports facilities because they do not currently exist within the Parish.
  - Eric Street of Sustainability Partners explained the financing available to government entities for capital improvement projects. Sustainability partners covers the upfront acquisition costs, then entering into a month-to-month payment contract with the municipality. During the life of the financial contract, Sustainability Partners covers the maintenance costs of all equipment included in the agreement.
  - The floor was opened for questions – recorded audio is available by request.
  - After much discussion, Chairwoman Charles brought the Q+A session to a close, noting the need for additional details and technical information from both Sustainable Partners and the City of Opelousas. Ms. Charles ensured a follow-up special meeting would be scheduled during the following business week.
  - Chairwoman Charles concluded the meeting by thanking all in attendance and calling for adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Don D'Avy and seconded by Sarah Branton, and unanimously approved that the meeting is adjourned at 3:45 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, April 23, 2021, at 9:00 am at SLED.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman