

**Board Meeting**  
**Date and Time: October 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road,**  
**Opelousas, LA 70570**

## AGENDA

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pledge and Opening Prayer
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Approval of September 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- ❖ ODDD Business Recognition Program-2022 The Parlor, Senic Batiste
- ❖ **Monthly Financial Report**
  - Monthly Financial Report
  - Audit Findings
- ❖ **Executive Director's Report**
  - Monthly status report of activities for and effecting the ODDD.
- ❖ **New Business**
  - Transportation PILOT
  - Capital Outlay Proposal
- ❖ **Old Business:**
  - BIG Grant- Update
  - TAP Grant-Update
  - Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant-Update Riser/Lebouef
  - Courthouse Phase II Lighting-Update
  - CPEX-City of Opelousas Ordinance – Update
  - New Life RFP - Update
  - Wallior Area Infrastructure Improvements –
    - A.) Water / Wastewater Additions
    - B.) Additional Turning Lanes
  - South Park Master Plan- Update
    - CEA With City of Opelousas -Action
    - Search for Marketing Consultant to oversee South Park Project – Update
    - Adams & Reese - Update
- ❖ **Board Members Comments**
- ❖ **Adjourn**

Next Meeting Date: ODDD Regular scheduled meeting on November 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. on the campus of SLED. The Public and any interested parties are welcome to attend. If you require reasonable accommodations, submit your request as far in advance as possible.

Chairwoman Lena Charles welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9:16 am

It was determined that a quorum was present.

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

The following members were absent: Pat Fontenot, Sarah Branton, Rob Hillard

The following SLED members were present: Bill Rodier, Teresa Reaves, Janece Riser

Guests present in person were Pervis Morrison (City of Opelousas) Lisa Manual of JS Dowling CPA’s and Patti Begnaud

Guests present virtually: EB Brooks (Moncus Foundation),

***ODDD Small Business of the Month Recognition 2022:*** Mr. Senic Batiste of The Parlor was present and recognized for Business of the Month for November 2022. The Parlor is a new small business meeting and event venue in downtown Opelousas.

A motion was made to amend the agenda to approve the audit report by Keith Broussard and seconded by Don D’Avy. Motion was accepted without objection.

***Approval of September 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes:*** Mr. Don D’Avy requested a correction to the September 23, 2022, board meeting minutes where he requested that on page five of the minutes, correct Creswell Dr to Creswell Lane. A motion to approve the September 23, 2022, meeting minutes with correction was made by Don D’avy and seconded by Keith Broussard. Motion carried without objection.

***Monthly Financial Report:*** Mr. Keith Broussard gave an overview of the September Financials. A motion to accept the September financial report as received was made by Ogden Pitre and seconded by Mr. Don D’avy. Motion carried without objection.

***Audit Findings and Report by Lisa Manuel of JS Dowling:*** Ms. Lisa Manuel presented the findings of the audit in page-by-page detail. Questions and discussion ensued. A motion was made to accept the audit report by Keith Broussard and seconded by Ogden Pitre. Motion carried with no objections.

***Executive Director’s Report:*** Bill Rodier reported on the Solar Farms coming to the parish. He explained the lifespan of the projects and how much land they will take up. Questions and active discussion regarding Solar Farms ensued.



***New Business***

***Transportation pilot:*** Chairwoman Lena Charles discussed a pilot public transportation program that was announced for the area by DOTD at the last Opelousas City Council Meeting. There is interest from multiple stakeholders to participate in with the program. There was good discussion on the topic.

***Capital Outlay Proposal:*** Chairwoman Lena Charles reported that a capital outlay request is being submitted on behalf of the City for Wallior widening. The amount of the request will be 500k and the deadline for the request is November 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no action required on behalf of the board at this time.

**Old Business:**

**BIG Grant:** Chairwoman Charles gave a report regarding the businesses that have received their grant money and the businesses that have been moving along with their improvements.

**TAP Grant:** Chairwoman Charles reported that the bid came in under budget. This will be on an upcoming City Council agenda.

**Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant-Update:** Janece Riser gave a report on the Louisiana Beautiful Grant. Ms. Riser reported that the social media posts about receiving the grant and the specific projects have been made and the next step will be a community event to take place between now and April 2023. The grant will provide for art near the water fountain in South park.

**Courthouse Lighting - Update:** Chairwoman Charles reported that Phase II of the Courthouse Lighting Project is wrapping up and should be completed in time for the annual unveiling of the Nativity.

**CPEX City of Opelousas Ordinance - Update:** Chairwoman Charles reported that she and Mr. Rodier met with the team from CPEX and Margaret Doucet of the City of Opelousas. The plan is to get feedback on the ordinance draft to target a presentation of the ordinance to the City Council at their December meeting.

**New Life RFP - Update:** Chairwoman Charles reported that the recommendation by the review committee for this project will go before the City Council in November.

**Wallior Area Infrastructure Improvements:** Mr. Rodier reported that DOTD should be able to get their contractor to begin work on Wallior in the next 30 days. They anticipate the cost being in line with their previous estimates. It was also reported that the bid for water and sewer improvements should go out in October, Mr. Rodier also reported the final site plan layout for Chick Fil-A has been approved by their corporate real estate group..

**South Park Master Plan** Chairwoman Lena Charles reported regarding the outcome of the meetings that she, Bill Rodier, and EB Brooks have been having regarding South Park. Mr. Bill Rodier reported on the process of bonding. Bill Rodier introduced EB Brooks, the founder of Moncus Park. EB has a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge in the space of park planning. Ms. Brooks provided her resume for the board to look over to consider a working and planning partnership on the South Park project. Ms. Brooks gave an overview of what is happening in Moncus Park and entertained questions. Mr. Purvis Morrison contributed to the conversation with his knowledge of EB's background. Discussion ensued regarding the work that needs to be done on the front side of the park build, the financing, and a possible feasibility study.

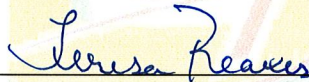
A motion was made by Keith Broussard to authorize the board chair to work on negotiating the terms of a consulting contract with EB Brooks and seconded by Don D'avy. Motion passed without objection.

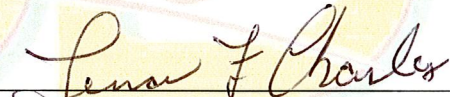
***Board Member Comments:*** There was discussion about vacant buildings downtown and the need for area parking. Mr. Keith Broussard requested to know who the franchisee of the new Chik fil A is.

***Public Comments:*** There were no public comments.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 9:00 am at the SLED building.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Ogden Pitre and seconded by don D'avy. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

  
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Secretary

  
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Chairperson