

**Board Meeting
July 21, 2020**

**St. Landry Parish Economic Industrial Development District
Business Resource Center Zoom Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 812 7636 8060 Password: 955041

Chairman, Andy Dakin opened the regular board meeting at 10:02 A.M.

Voting Members Present in Person: Andy Dakin and Joe Darby

Voting Members Virtually: Don Dejean, Roma Stewart, Lena Charles, Ken Simeral, Seth Robin, Brett Manuel, Erika Milton, Ken Marks, Wil Fontenot, Dr. Gerald Thompson, Hals Beard and Don Reber

Voting Members Absent: Lynn Lejeune, Kevin Simoneaux, and Daniel Lyons.

Non-Voting Members Present in Person: Bill Rodier and Glenda Carriere

It was determined a quorum was present.

SLED Executive Director, Bill Rodier, acknowledged guests in attendance as follows:

Katrena King	-Acadiana Planning Commission
Dwight Landreneau	-Mayor of Washington
Jim Bradshaw	-Writer
Purvis Morrison	-City of Opelousas

Meeting Minutes: A motion to adopt the June 2020 Board Meeting minutes was made by Seth Robin and seconded by Joe Darby. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Bill Rodier provided an overview of the June 2020 financials. A motion to adopt the June 2020 financials was made by Lena Charles and seconded by Ken Marks. Motion carried without objection.

Executive Committee Report: A motion to adopt the July 2020 Executive Committee minutes was made by Ken Marks and seconded by Erika Milton. Motion carried without objection.

Midway Corridor Project Update: Bill Rodier summarized the Midway Corridor Project to the board members. He introduced Katrina King who is the project lead on the Midway Corridor Project with Acadiana Planning Commission. She presented an outline of the project highlighting the future of I-49 and plans to obtain intergovernmental agreements to tie together these communities. She demonstrated a draft of a web portal with features that would be beneficial to future developers. Phase 1 is projected to be completed by October 2020. The project will have a significant long-term impact on this region.

SLED Road Update: Chairman Andy Dakin informed the board members of the Real Estate Committee's recommendation to consider marketing and selling the property out by the Walmart

Distribution Center. The board members were provided a draft preliminary plat/overlay outlining the property in discussion. Bill Rodier will proceed with getting an appraisal updated on the property. Once the appraisal is complete this will be brought back to the committee and board for consideration on future action.

LDG Consultant Report:

Bill Rodier received a final draft from the Logan Group. The Logan Group will be here next Thursday to present the final proposal to the board chairs and obtain their feedback. Bill Rodier stated the LDG plan will be completed and ready for review prior to the next board meeting.

Executive Session: A motion to move into the Executive Session was made by Roma Stewart and seconded by Ken Marks for the discussion of employee performance. A motion was made to come out of the executive session by Wil Fontenot and seconded by Joe Darby. Motion carried with no objection.

Staff Consideration: Bill Rodier provided a recommendation to the board that based off his evaluation with Taylor Lormand that she be moved into a Level II Economic Development Specialist Category with a commensurate pay increase to \$52,500 for an annual salary. Mr. Rodier suggested this be effective August 1st, 2020. Motion was made to accept this recommendation by Joe Darby and seconded by Erika Milton. Motion carried with no objection.

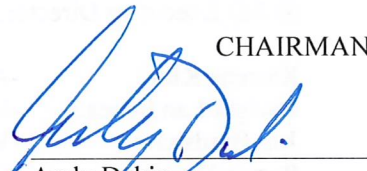
Having no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 10:56 am was made by Wil Fontenot and seconded by Joe Darby. Motion carried without objection

ATTEST:



Economic Development Support Coordinator

CHAIRMAN:



Andy Dakin