

**Board Meeting  
September 15, 2020**

**St. Landry Parish Economic Industrial Development District  
Business Resource Center  
5367 I-49 S. Service Road  
Opelousas, LA 70570**

Chairman, Andy Dakin opened the regular board meeting at 10:07 A.M.

**Voting Members Present:** Andy Dakin, Roma Stewart, Lena Charles, Ken Simeral, Seth Robin, Joe Darby, Erika Milton, Ken Marks, Don Reber, and Dr. Gerald Thompson.

**Voting Members Absent:** Don Dejean, Hals Beard, Lynn Lejeune, Kevin Simoneaux, Daniel Lyons, Brett Manual, and Wil Fontenot.

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Bill Rodier, Glenda Carriere and Taylor Lormand

It was determined a quorum was present.

The following guests were in attendance as follows:

Raquella Manuel            -Chamber of Commerce

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ratification of the following actions taken by the board at its Virtual Board Meeting on August 18, 2020:

***Board Meeting on August 18, 2020:*** A motion to ratify the actions taken by the board on August 18, 2020 at its virtual board meeting was made by Joe Darby and seconded by Roma Stewart. Motion carried without objection.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Meeting Minutes:*** A motion to adopt the August 2020 Board Meeting minutes was made by Ken Marks and seconded by Joe Darby. Motion carried without objection.

***Financial Report:*** CEO Bill Rodier provided an overview of the August 2020 financials. A motion to adopt the August 2020 financials was made by Joe Darby and seconded by Don Reber. Motion carried without objection.

***Executive Committee Report:*** A motion to adopt the September 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes was made by Lena Charles and seconded by Ken Marks. Motion carried without objection.

**Real Estate Report:**

**Property Sale-Designate as Non-Essential:** Bruce Gaudin made recommendations for the board to designate the property on Hwy 743 as non-essential. The board members discussed their plans to put the property for sale at the appraised value. Chairman Andy Dakin will get clarification on a few of the issues. SLED plans to bid out the entire parcel, and the bid packet should be ready to go by Oct 15. A motion to designate the property as non-essential was made by Roma Stewart and seconded by Ken Simeral. Motion carried without objection.

**SLED Building – Bathroom Renovation:** CEO Bill Rodier discussed where our goals and objectives are with this building. The executive committee made recommendations to proceed with renovating the bathrooms since we already have drawings and estimated prices. Ken Simeral asked to hold off on the bathroom renovations until we get a masterplan of renovations for the building. A motion to table the bathroom discussion was made by Joe Darby and seconded by Roma Stewart. Motion carried without objection.

CEO Bill Rodier announced to the SLED Board that Friday, September 11, 2020, SLED was awarded the LBIA grant for \$25,000.

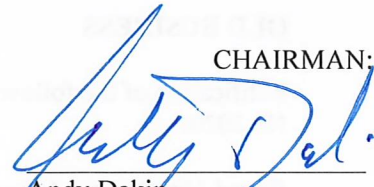
**Logan Development Group Evaluation Response Update:** CEO Bill Rodier provided an overview of the Logan Group Evaluation. He indicated that numerous conversations with CSLEDD and ODDD board members are ongoing regarding their next actions in response to the evaluation. We will be scheduling meetings with SLED board members to obtain their opinion.

Having no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 11:20 am was made by Dr. Gerald Thompson and seconded by Joe Darby. Motion carried without objection.

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Thompson  
Economic Development Support Coordinator

CHAIRMAN:

  
Andy Dakin