

**Board Meeting  
January 19, 2021**

**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 10:02 A.M.

**Voting Members Present in Person:** Andy Dakin, Donald Dejean, Roma Stewart, Hals Beard, Lena Charles, Seth Robin, Brett Manual, Erika Milton, Don Reber, Dr. Gerald Thompson, and Candace Papillion.

**Voting Members Present Virtually:** Lynn Lejeune, Ken Simeral, Wil Fontenot, and Ken Marks

**Voting Members Absent:** Daniel Lyons and Kevin Simoneaux.

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

**Non-Voting Members Present Virtually:** Taylor Lormand

It was determined a quorum was present.

The following guests were in attendance virtually as follows:

Herman Fusilier            -St. Landry Parish Tourism

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Meeting Minutes:*** A motion to adopt the December 2020 Board Meeting minutes was made by Don Reber and seconded by Hals Beard. Motion carried without objection.

***Financial Report:*** Hals Beard provided an overview of the December 2020 financials. A motion to adopt the December 2020 financials was made by Dr. Gerald Thompson and seconded by Don Reber. Motion carried without objection.

***Executive Committee Report:*** A motion to adopt the January 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes was made by Hals Beard and seconded by Don Reber. Motion carried without objection.

***Election of Officers for 2021:*** Chairman Andy Dakin announced the nominees regarding the Executive Committee. The officers identified were as follows, Chairman, Andy Dakin, Vice Chairman, Don Dejean, Secretary, Roma Stewart, Treasurer, Hals Beard. A motion to reappoint and accept the same slate of officers was made by Lena Charles and seconded by Candace Papillion. Motion carried without objection.

**Appointment of Committee Members:** The remaining three (3) executive committee seat nominations were Lena Charles, Seth Robin, and Erika Milton. Erika Milton would be taking Lynn Lejeune's place on the Executive Committee. A motion to accept nominations for Executive Committee appointments was made by Brett Manuel and seconded by Candace Papillion. Motion carried without objection.

Nominations for the Real Estate Committee went as follows Donald Dejean, Chair of Real Estate Committee, Ken Simeral, Dr. Gerald Thompson, Seth Robin, Wil Fontenot, and Don Reber. A motion to accept nominations was made by Lynn Lejeune and seconded by Lena Charles. Motion carried without objection.

Chairman Andy Dakin welcomed the board members that were new to the executive committee and thanked all the members who have been on the executive committee for their hard work. CEO Bill Rodier said Lynn Lejeune was an asset to the Executive Committee and thanked her for everything she has done while serving.

**Priority of Work:**

**Logan Group Evaluation:** CEO Bill Rodier stated that we are working on a comprehensive document that will provide a road map to our business. He stated we are using Harvest Software to track time spent with the different boards. Bill said the foundation we set in this first year would allow things to go smoothly moving forward. The timeframe to get a raw document may range in the area of 45 days.

**Training:** A discussion took place regarding orientation on an annual basis of where we are in our organization. Chairman Andy Dakin discussed providing training starting in February with the overall responsibility of our board members. Some board members expressed the benefit of taking the Economic Development Course.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 11:03 am by Don Reber and seconded by Roma Stewart. Motion carried without objection.

ATTEST:

  
Economic Development Support Coordinator

CHAIRMAN:

  
Andy Dakin