

**Board Meeting
JULY 20, 2021**

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

AGENDA

- I. WELCOME..... Chairman, Andy Dakin
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- V. ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT.....Treasurer, Hals Beard
- VII. PROPERTY APPRAISAL
- VIII. MIDWAY CORRIDOR PHASE II
- IX. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SUMMARY
- X. BOARD TRAINING
- XI. ADJOURN

Chairman, Andy Dakin opened the regular board meeting at 10:20 A.M.

Voting Members Present in Person: Andy Dakin, Daniel Lyons, Erika Milton, Roma Stewart, Lena Charles, Seth Robin, Ken Simeral, Wil Fontenot, Don Reber, and Candace Papillion

Voting Members Absent: Don Dejean, Hals Beard, Dr. Gerald Thompson, Chris Clostio, Brett Manuel, and Kevin Simoneaux

Non-Voting Members Present in Person: Bill Rodier, Taylor Lormand and Janece Riser

Guest:

It was determined a quorum was present.

The following guests were in attendance in person: Herman Fuselier (St Landry Parish Tourism), Zack Hagar (One Acadiana), Ginger Collier (One Acadiana)

Public Announcements:

Daniel Lyons announced that the grants/financial assistance given for the horse/track facilities will be available soon.

Wil Fontenot advised about the Opelousas Safe Love Project's Opelousas Love Fest that's going to be happening on September 5, 2021, from 9am-7pm. This Project is focusing on things like breaking down barriers and creating trust with City Officials. Financial contributions are being solicited and there is a planning meeting that will be held at the Delta Grand on July 27, 2021, at 3pm.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to adopt the June 2021 regular board meeting minutes was made by Wil Fontenot and seconded by Roma Stewart. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Bill Rodier provided an overview of the June 2021 financials. A motion to adopt the June 2021 financials was made by Ken Simeral and seconded by Daniel Lyons. Motion carried without objection.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee Report: Executive Committee did not meet in July.

Real Estate Committee: Real Estate Committee did not meet in July.

New Business:

Property Appraisal: Bill Rodier gave an update on the received appraisal for the agricultural property next the distribution center that has been received by Southern Skies Appraisal. Mr. Rodier reminded the board that the Ag lease for that property was not renewed so he advised to keep in mind the longer the property sits, the greater chances we may have to do some maintenance that the farming tenant had done previously. Ken Simeral advised that property usually is not purchased or sold depending on things like road maintenance so that does not need to be included in this discussion. He also gave some other points in reference to marketing and selling property. After a brief discussion, it was decided to list the property with a realtor/broker to get the property marketed. A motion to allow board to market the property was made by Don Reber and seconded by Seth Robin. Motion carried without objection.

Midway Corridor Phase II: Bill Rodier gave an update on Midway Corridor Phase II. A motion to allow Chairman Dakin to sign on behalf of the board was made by Lena Charles and seconded by Wil Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.

Operational Support Summary: Bill Rodier gave an update on the proposed Operational Support Summary explaining that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Central St Landry Economic Development (CSLEDD) is currently with legal awaiting on approval. The final CEA should be ready for signature at the August meeting.

Board Training: Bill Rodier gave an introduction on business recruitment and expansion, and into certified sites. Zack Hager followed up with One Acadiana gave a focused training presentation on the Certified Site Program.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 11:46 am by Don Reber and seconded by Ken Simeral. Motion carried without objection.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN:

Secretary

Andy Dakin

Deleted: .