

**Board Meeting  
November 16, 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. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT..... Treasurer, Hals Beard
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Real Estate Committee
    - a. Summary of October 26, 2021 Real Estate Committee meeting
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Organizational Staffing
  - b. Board Vacancies
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Real Estate Sale
  - b. Walmart PILOT Agreement
  - c. Project AIRE ITEP
  - d. Organizational Guide Update
- IX. ADJOURN

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

**Voting Members Present:** Andy Dakin, Ericka Milton, Don Reber, Sharon Ortego, Wil Fontenot, Candace Papillion, Chris Clostio, Don Dejean (Virtual), Lena Charles. Ken Simeral, and Hals Beard, (Virtual)

**Voting Members Absent:** Seth Robin, Brett Manuel, Kevin Simoneaux, Boisy Pitre, Roma Stewart, Daniel Lyons

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

**Guest:** Jim Bourgeois (One Acadiana)

It was determined a quorum was present.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Lena Charles to accept the October 2021 board meeting minutes and seconded by Chris Clostio. Motion carried without objection.

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Real Estate Committee** – Bill Rodier gave a brief report about the Real Estate Committee meeting. The committee agreed to do some walk-thrus of possible locations in the area. Due to the renovation costs the previous company is no longer interested in this building, however they will still be moving in this area. A motion to accept the Real Estate Committee report was made by Ken Simeral and seconded by Wil Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.

#### **New Business:**

**Organizational Staffing Structure:** Bill Rodier presented the future staffing needs of the organization. The growth factor of the things that are needed are a strong factor to allow the ability of SLED to get the story out and be able to help the boards as directed. Bill used two white boards to thoroughly convey his proposed staffing structure. The amended staffing roles and responsibilities of each position was discussed at length. A motion to approve the SLED staffing structure and salaries as submitted was made by Don Reber and seconded by Candace Papillion. Motion carried without objection.

**Board Vacancies:** Bill Rodier advised the board of commissioners whose terms are coming up for renewal. He explained that a few members will not be returning due to scheduling conflicts. The Parish Council will be advertising, and the Board is accepting applications. Applications need to be in this week to be considered for the seat.

#### **Old Business:**

**Property Sale Update** – There has been no update with the property sale.

**Walmart PILOT Agreement:** The Board is still in discussions with Walmart to come up with what's in everyone's best interest. Bill is hoping to have an update by the next meeting.

**Project AIRE ITEP:** Bill Rodier updated the board on the taxing entities who have approved the appropriate taxes for this project. The taxing covers property taxes not sales tax. This project is projected to add approximately 40 additional jobs.

**Organizational Guide Update:** Bill Rodier went over the current implementation process. He gave an overview of the core areas of the guide. He reiterated the need for the boards to tell their story. At this point communication is high on the list as a need.

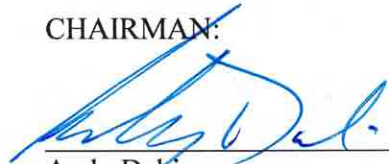
SLED Professional Development – Bill Rodier and Taylor Lormand highlighted that she is on track with her Economic Development by attending her OUEDI. Two weeks ago, Taylor attended an intense course through OUEDI in Dallas, TX. If she completes this track, she can test to become certified. A brief discussion about possible training opportunities for the board occurred.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 11:41 pm by Wil Fontenot and seconded by Ericka Milton. Motion carried without objection.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

CHAIRMAN:

  
Andy Dakin