

**Board Meeting
September 20, 2022**

**St. Landry Parish Economic and 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 AUGUST 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT..... Treasurer, Hals Beard
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Walmart PILOT Update
 - b. Bylaws Changes
 - c. I-49 Midway Corridor Update
- VII. PRESENTOR – Nancee Sorenson, LSUE
- VIII. ADJOURN

Voting Members Present: Andy Dakin, Seth Robin, Boisy Pitre, Erika Milton, Sharon Ortego, Candace Papillion, Wil Fontenot, Hals Beard, Don Reber, Christopher Clostio,

Voting Members Absent: Daniel Lyons, Dr. John Hamlin, Lena Charles, Roma Stewart, Donald Dejean, Toni Effinger,

Non-Voting Members Present in Person: Bill Rodier and Teresa Reaves

Voting Members present remotely: Ken Simeral

Guests: Herman Fuselier of Acadiana Tourism, Polly Koury and Brennan Breaux of SLEMCO, Emile Lege of One Acadiana, Kade Jones of Acadiana Planning Commission.

It was determined a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Hals Beard and seconded by Chris Clostio to accept the August 2022 regular board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report:

Hals Beard provided an overview of the August 2022 financials. There had been an error by the accountant last month regarding the miscellaneous income. They removed that so he wanted to clarify as to why there was a deduction. A motion to adopt the August 2022 financials was made by Mr. Seth Robin and seconded by Chris Clostio. Motion carried without objection.

Presentation: Moved up in the agenda, Nancee Sorenson of LSUE gave a very good presentation on the future of LSUE including the new capital campaign, visuals of the way they will restore the original science building and the changes to the STEM program.

Old Business:

Walmart PILOT Update: Bill Rodier gave an update on the Walmart PILOT. He made the board aware that he has signed a non-disclosure statement and he is unsure if the entire board will need to do that as well but for now there isn't any updates that he is free to discuss.

Bylaws Changes: Chairman Andy Dakin discussed the changes. He asked if there were any questions or concerns. A question was asked regarding the powers of the Executive Committee and Chairman Dakin explained that everything regarding the Executive Committee is written in the statutes, and no changes are being made to how the committee runs. With no other questions and concerns a motion was made by Mr. Boisy Pitre and seconded by Mr. Don Reber. Motion carried without objection.

I-49 Midway Corridor: Bill Rodier gave an introduction as to what the Acadiana Planning Commission has been doing and introduced Cade Jones. Mr. Rodier also reported that other corridors in the parish may benefit from the work they are doing on the corridor and that the I-49 model may be the way to go with them as well. Mr. Jones reported on the public engagement meetings that were held at SLED. He reported that the working groups have developed a set of performance-based land use items and they want to see more specific types of economic development along the I-49 corridor. The overlay district allows outright prohibiting of certain types of businesses along the 600 ft that butts up to the freeway. Guiding responsible economic development is the goal. The next step is to get the ordinances passed by the end of the year. The next step is getting an attorney to move forward with moving this in front of the public.

Board member discussion: Andy Dakin wanted to touch on the question earlier about the power of the Executive Committee and reiterated that nothing will change in the workings of the Executive Committee. Mr. Bill Rodier touched on Solar Power farms and explained what other parishes in the region are doing to monitor them and said they should revisit this topic as an agenda item in the future. Discussion ensued.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 11:11 am by Seth Robin and seconded by Wil Fontenot. Motion carried without objection.

ATTEST:


Secretary

CHAIRMAN

Andy Dakin