

**Board Meeting
November 15, 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 OCTOBER 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 2022..... Treasurer, Hals Beard
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Executive Committee Minutes - October
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Walls HR Consulting Update -Rodier
 - b. I-49 Midway Corridor Update - Rodier
 - c. Walmart Pilot Update - Rodier
 - d. Holiday Social Update– Rodier
 - e. Regional Input Meeting Update - Rodier
- VIII. ADJOURN

Voting Members Present: Andy Dakin, Seth Robin, Don Reber, Lena Charles, Erika Milton, Daniel Lyons, Toni Effinger, Sharon Ortego, Dr. John Hamlin, Ken Simeral, Donald Dejean, Candace Pappillon

Voting Members Absent: Hals Beard, Boisy Pitre, Christopher Clostio, Roma Stewart

Non-Voting Members Present in Person: Bill Rodier, Teresa Reaves, Janece Riser

Guests: Godbless Gbenebichie of NextEra Energy, Herman Fuselier of St Landry Parish Tourism

It was determined a quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Don Dejean and seconded by Erika Milton to accept the October 2022 regular board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report:

Bill Rodier provided an overview of the October 2022 financials. Mr. Rodier recapped a few expenditures, and the CD accounts. A motion to accept the financials was made by Seth Robin and seconded by Dr. John Hamlin. Motion carried with no objections.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: After a review of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from October, a motion was made by Don Reber and seconded by Erika Milton to accept the Executive Committee Minutes as submitted. Motion carried without objection.

Old Business:

Walls HR Consulting Update: Bill Rodier reported on the status of the new HR plan. He explained that the majority of the work is going to be in creating the Employee Manual. Mr. Rodier discussed the importance of having an HR committee and the strategy to bring future employees to our organization. Discussion ensued.

I-49 Midway Corridor Update: Bill Rodier reported on the status of the I-49 Midway Corridor project. Mr. Rodier discussed the complexity of the project regarding municipalities that have zoning in place. Questions and discussion ensued.

Walmart Pilot Update: Bill Rodier reported on the status of the Walmart Pilot Agreement. He explained the economic impact and importance of the distribution center on the parish. Questions and discussion ensued.

Holiday Social Update: Teresa Reaves reported about the Holiday Social and let everyone know where and when it will take place. Bill Rodier expanded on the music and invitees.

Regional Input Meeting Update: Bill Rodier reported that the SLED Public Input Meeting is being rescheduled due to a conflict in scheduling. Date to be determined.

Chairman Andy Dakin took a moment to thank any Veteran's in the room for their service. He also reported that the board elections will be held in January. He asked the board to be thinking on their nominees as they will need at least five nominees.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Seth Robin and seconded by Candace Pappilion. Motion carried without objection. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Mr. Godbless Gbenedichie of NextEra Energy was here to make his presentation on the solar network they are bringing to the area. It was an optional event for the board members but many of them stayed to be informed. Presentation ended at 12:05 PM.

ATTEST:



Secretary

CHAIRMAN:


Andy Dakin