

**Board Meeting
January 17, 2023**

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

Agenda

- I. WELCOME.....Chairman, Andy Dakin
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SWEAR IN OF BOARD MEMBERS
- V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- VI. ADOPTION OF THE DECEMBER 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- VII. FINANCIALS, DECEMBER 2022..... Bill Rodier
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Executive Committee - Notes
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. I-49 Midway Corridor Contract - Update
 - b. HR Initiative Contract – Update
 - c. Nextera – Update
- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. 2023 Organizational Priorities
 - b. Board Member Bios
 - c. Social Media Updates
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- XII. ADJOURN

The public is invited to attend. If you require reasonable accommodations, please submit in advance.

Upcoming Events:

- ODDD Board Meeting will be on Friday, January 20, 2023, at 9:00 am at the SLED building.
- CSLEDD Board Meeting will be Thursday February 9, 2023, at 8:30 am at the SLED Building
- Board Meeting Pictures for all board members Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 10:00am to Noon.

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, Roma Stewart, Boisy Pitre

Voting Members Absent: Kevin Fuselier, Candace Papillon

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

Guests: Herman Fuselier, St Landry Tourism, Jim Bourgeois, Entergy, Frank “Buddy” Helton, CLSEDD Kade Jones, APC, Charles Jagneaux, St Landry Clerk of Court, Patricia Fontenot, Vernon Joseph

It was determined a quorum was present.

Swear in of Board Members: Mr. Charles Jagneaux, The Clerk of Court for St. Landry Parish was present to swear in the following individuals for board appointment: Andy Dakin. Juan Joseph, Valli Soileau, Daniel Lyons. Kevin Doucet, Erika Milton, Lena Charles, and Donald Reber.

Election of Officers: The Election of Officers process was as follows:

- Treasurer Nomination – A motion to nominate Seth Robin as Treasurer was made by Erika Milton and seconded by Roma Stewart. Seth Robin accepted the nomination. A motion to accept Mr. Robin as Treasurer was made by Lena Charles and seconded by Roma Stewart. The motion carried without objection.
- Secretary Nomination – A motion to nominate Erika Milton for Secretary was made by Seth Robin and seconded by Don Reber. A motion to accept Erika Milton as Secretary was made by Sharon Ortego and Seconded by Daniel Lyons. The motion carried without objection.
- SLED Board Officers for 2023 are now as follows:
 - Chairman, Donald Dejean
 - Vice Chair, Roma Stewart
 - Treasurer, Seth Robin
 - Secretary, Erika Milton
- The following people were nominated to the Executive Committee: Ms. Lena Charles, Mr. Don Reber, Ms. Toni Effinger. All nominees accepted their nomination. A motion to accept the nominees to the Executive Committee was made by Mr. Daniel Lyons and seconded by Mr. Andy Dakin. Motion carried without exception.
- The SLED Executive Committee for 2023 is now:
 - Mr. Donald Dejean
 - Ms. Roma Stewart
 - Mr. Seth Robin
 - Ms. Erika Milton
 - Ms. Lena Charles
 - Mr. Don Reber
 - Ms. Toni Effinger

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the December 2022 minutes was made by Seth Robin and seconded by Don Reber. Motion carried without objection.

Financial Report: Mr. Seth Robin provided an overview of the December 2022 financials. Mr. Bill Rodier recapped a few expenditures. A motion to accept the financials as submitted was made by Erika Milton and seconded by Andy Dakin. Motion carried with no objections.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Mr. Bill Rodier explained the reason for including the notes from the Executive Committee. This really didn't need a motion to accept since it is just notes. A motion by Lena Charles to approve the Executive Committee notes. Seconded by Mr. Don Reber. Motion carried without objection.

Old Business:

I-49 Midway Corridor: Mr. Bill Rodier gave a report on the I-49 Midway Corridor Project. He explained the significance and importance of the corridor project to the communities that have corporate limits right up to the interstate. Mr. Rodier also recapped Performance Land Use. Mr. Kade Jones reported that the attorney involved in the project has sent back an opinion memo which is currently under review. The next step is introducing the legal memo to the communities involved. Conversation ensued.

HR Initiative Contract -Update: Mr. Bill Rodier reported the status of the HR Project and went over the things that need addressed for this year. He explained that the HR Consultant recommendations would be discussed to the HR Committee prior to being brought to the executive committee in February. Mr. Rodier informed the board that we would be sending out the new job descriptions included in the HR manual and asked the board to try to familiarize themselves with these descriptions prior to the meeting in February.

NextEra – Update: Mr. Bill Rodier reported that the attorney representing SLED on this project had not received some of the information he had requested from NextEra. Mr. Rodier also addressed some general questions by board members on the projects.

New Business:

2023 Organizational Priorities: Bill Rodier gave an overview of the SLED Organization Guide., Mr. Rodier also discussed that we are attempting to get all our boards on the same page as far as priorities for the year 2023 are concerned. Mr. Rodier explained that the reporting will be on a matrix chart that will be color coded for ease of clarifying where we are at in the completion of our priorities. There was discussion regarding board training and including it in meetings beginning in February. Mr. Rodier addressed the topic of committees going forward for 2023 and it was decided that he and Chairman Dejean will discuss separate to this meeting. A motion was made by Andy Dakin to accept the 2023 organizational priorities as submitted at this time and seconded by Don Reber. Motion carried without objection.

Board Members Bio's: Bill Rodier gave a report on how well the CSLEDD Board Bio's were received on Facebook and asked all the board members to please create a small bio and send it into our office by February 14.

Social Media Updates: Bill Rodier reminded everyone to please share the posts that are made on Facebook. Janece Riser gave a short demonstration on how to like, comment, and share posts on Facebook.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Seth Robin and seconded by Erika Milton to move into Executive Session at 11:01 AM. A motion was made by Seth Robin and seconded by Andy Dakin to return to the regular meeting at 11:17 AM. It was provided that the board agreed to approve Janece Riser moving into the position of Operations Director at the annual salary of \$75,000.00 per year effective the current pay period beginning January 16, 2023.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Seth Robin and seconded by Lena Charles. Motion carried without objection. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.

SECRETARY:

Teresa Reaves

CHAIRMAN:

Donald K. Dejean
Don Dejean