

**Board Special Meeting
April 3, 2023**

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

- I. WELCOME
- II. PLEDGE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. NEXTERA PILOT LEASE AGREEMENT
- V. ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
- VI. SLED BOARD RESOLUTION
- VII. ADJOURN

The public and any interested parties are invited to attend. If you require reasonable accommodation your request should be submitted as far in advance as possible.

Voting Members Present: Donald Dejean, Andy Dakin, Seth Robin, Roma Stewart, Juan Joseph, Valli Soileau, Candace Papillion, John Hamlin, PHD., Toni Effinger, Kevin Doucet, Don Reber, Sharon Ortego, Daniel Lyons

Voting Members Absent: Lena Charles, Ken Simeral, Dr. Kevin Fuselier, Erika Milton

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

Non-Voting Members Present Virtually: Mr. Godbless Gbenebichie (NextEra), Troy Villa (Attorney)

Guests: Jessie Bellard (St. Landry Parish), Kiara Ramey (St. Landry Parish)

NextEra PILOT Lease Agreement: SLED Board Chairman Don Dejean welcomed the group and opened the meeting at 11:40 AM. Mr. Bill Rodier started the discussion by giving a brief overview of the NextEra project and introduced all of the documents in the packet. Mr. Rodier announced that the focus of today's meeting was to bring everyone together in a group and go over the three documents and explain the small changes to be made by our board members in-put meetings. Mr. Rodier suggested that Attorney Troy Villa address the changes and give his thoughts. The first thing addressed was that SLED would receive the administrative fee prior to the contract completion. St. Landry Solar agreed that SLED would receive the \$20,000 for each of the calendar years of 2023 and 2024 which will take us up to the construction completion date. When the PILOT Period begins SLED will deduct the administrative fees from the amount they receive for the PILOT payment before they distribute the rest of the funds. That information

was added to section 3.06. The second change was to the ability to reconcile with the sales tax PILOT Payments. What was added was section 305.H. Which says that within sixty days of completion, St Landry Solar will entertain a third-party auditor with experience in sales tax matters and they will conduct a review of the PILOT Payments that were paid and within 180 days will provide a report on that. Chairman Don Dejean opened the floor for questions.

St. Landry Parish Government Cooperative Endeavor Agreement: Mr. Bill Rodier gave an overview of the CEA and touched on the changes that were requested by board members. Mr. Rodier also reported that in section 7.01 c3, line 2: wording should read Lessee and not Leasor. After some discussion it was discovered that yes, that correction needs to be made in the wording. Mr. Troy Villa gave a brief explanation of the CEA and an overview of the change that will be made to allow SLED fifteen days to distribute the money rather than three days. Chairman Dejean opened the floor to comments and concerns. Parish President Jesse Ballard indicated that if the resolutions are made and passed today, he will take them before the Parish City Council at the next board meeting.

SLED Board Resolution: Mr. Bill Rodier reported that he didn't have any additional inputs to the documents. Chairman Don Dejean asked for any questions regarding the resolution. Clarification was made as to how to move forward with the resolution. Mr. Andy Dakin made a motion to accept the documents as presented with the changes as requested. A second to the motion was made by Don Reber. Chairman Donald Dejean asked for a roll call vote which follows. Andy Dakin; yes, Roma Stewart; yes, Valli Soileau; yes, Kevin Doucet; yes, Seth Robin; yes, Dr. John Hamlin; yes, Juan Joseph; yes, Don Reber; yes, Sharon Ortego; yes, Toni Effingger; yes, Daniel Lyons; yes, Candace Pappilion; yes. Motion carried without objection.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Lyons and seconded by Seth Robin. Motion carried without objection. The meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM.

SECRETARY:


Erika Milton

CHAIRMAN:


Don Dejean