

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

President Chris Lapeyre called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mrs. Dawn Henry.

Members recorded as present were: Mr. Robert Barthel, Mr. C.J. Domangue, Dr. Michael Garcia, Mr. Chad Hebert, Mr. Nick Hebert, Mr. Ronald LaBauve, Mr. Chris Lapeyre and Mr. Ivan Williams. Those recorded as absent were Mr. Michael LaGarde. Also present were Mr. Matt Rookard, TEDA's CEO, and Mrs. Dawn Henry, TEDA's executive secretary. Mr. Lapeyre made three calls for public wishing to address the board; no responses.

Mr. C. Hebert motioned to approve the February 6, 2018, board minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Garcia presented the revised January financial reports, noting revisions to the pension item due to a previous error.

Motion to approve the January revised financial reports by Mr. N. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Barthel. Motion passed.

Dr. Garcia presented the February financial reports, noting the pension item was correct. Also noted were some insurance and liability payments compiling due to accounting setup. Mr. Rookard reported receiving a first payment of operating funds from Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government of \$186,000 not being reflected in the reports due to timing of the deposit. Motion to approve the February financial reports by Mr. C. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Barthel. Motion passed.

Under new business, discussion of advertising in the Houma-Terrebonne

Chamber of Commerce map centered around the vehicle not being the right audience for TEDA's recruitment efforts. Motion to pass on the opportunity by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Barthel. Mr. C. Hebert, Mr. N. Hebert and Dr. Garcia abstained from the vote.

Motion by Mr. C. Hebert, seconded by Mr. N. Hebert, to reappoint Mr. Robert Barthel to the Terrebonne Port Commission's Economic Development Corporation.

Motion passed.

In accordance with bylaws, an audit committee was formed including Dr. Garcia, Mr. N. Hebert and CPA Pernelle Pellegrin. A meeting will be scheduled. In the CEO's report, Mr. Rookard briefly discussed the marketing of and disadvantaged business participation in the Louisiana Contractor's Accreditation Institute; a \$500 grant received from AT&T for the same program; as well as Industrial Tax Exemption program changes and success in obtaining local support for K&B Industries. Dr. Garcia noted the Jump Start high school certification program as being valuable to workforce development.

In the President's report, Mr. Lapeyre and Mr. N. Hebert discussed TEDA's Recreation Subcommittee activities related to the Bayou Country Sports Complex. Mr. N. Hebert noted that a review of the plan and structure as compared to similar parks in other areas is being conducted, the bonding of the hotel-motel tax for the park, and finances of the existing recreation districts. He said there is likely enough money in the recreation system to fund the park, but it will require cooperation among districts. Mr. Rookard noted that a full plan – including a recommended organizational structure - is anticipated for May's board meeting, after which public support would be sought.

At 1:12 p.m., Mr. Domangue moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion

passed unanimously.

Mr. Chris Lapeyre, President

Mrs. Dawn Henry
Minute Clerk