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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD
MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

President Chris Lapeyre called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mrs. Tammy Haydel.

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. Recorded as absent was Mr. Michael LaGarde. Also present were Mr. Matt Rookard, TEDA's CEO, Mrs. Dawn Henry and Mrs. Tammy Haydel, TEDA's executive secretaries, and Mr. Pat Gordon, Sr., Planning Director of South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC).

President Lapeyre called for public wishing and Mr. Pat Gordon of SCPDC reported he is working on a couple of EDA projects and working with the Airport Commission on their drone program. Their intentions are to continue to work on infrastructure projects in Terrebonne Parish.

Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the April 10, 2018, board minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. C. Hebert. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. N. Hebert motioned to approve the March 7, 2018 Recreation Subcommittee minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. C. Hebert. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Garcia presented the April financial reports, he noted the accounts receivable and prepaid insurance issues are currently being worked out, as well as the group insurance. There is an increase in marketing related to a legitimate expense.

Mr. Rookard advised that the clean-up by Martin & Pellegrin will continue, as they are researching issues to be completed shortly. The preliminary audit report was clean. Motion to approve the April financial reports by Mr. C. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion passed.

The CEO called for any new business to be discussed with no responses.

In the BRE report, Mr. Rookard reported that the closeout reports for disaster funding to State of Louisiana's Office of Community Development were completed; employment in the oil sector is slightly up; there is a metal cost increase due to tariff activity which ensued a discussion regarding steel pricing which has a higher impact in South Louisiana; and the SBCD report was attached wherein 59 distinct clients were assisted.

In the CEO Report, Mr. Rookard announced the departure of Mrs. Dawn Henry as Executive Secretary and introduced Mrs. Tammy Haydel as her replacement. Mrs. Henry is cross-training Mrs. Haydel through 5/10/18.

Mr. Rookard gave a UAS update and reported that Senator Cassidy's office is working with NSU, the Airport and TEDA in regard to the overall project concerning education. They will attempt to produce funds for NSU and Fletcher; we will be updated as the infrastructure bill moves forward; there are possible matches for Federal infrastructure dollars. They are connecting with their Military Aid for briefing in relation to changes that would relate to UAS/FAA. Fletcher is working on a certification program, which is necessary for working on drones/unmanned aircraft. The NSU president is interested in creating programs and bringing coastal dollars for research to NSU.

Mr. Rookard advised the board members of the deadline for financial disclosures: 5/15/18.

Mr. Rookard announced the meeting for the annual Audit Subcommittee to be held prior to the regular Board Meeting in June. Members of the subcommittee are: Dr. Garcia, Mr. Nick Hebert, Mr. Rookard, and a representative from Martin & Pellegrin.

In the President's report, Mr. Lapeyre reported the Recreation Subcommittee reviewed a draft plan where TEDA will take over the Bayou County Sports Complex in agreement with Rec 2,3 and TPCG. Mr. N. Hebert advised of the recommendation to use the existing structure of TEDA and TEDFO to create the sub-brand, HT Sports. The main goal is to promote and develop a sports tourism economy in Terrebonne Parish. One-time funding and on-going funding were discussed. Mr. N. Hebert clarified that this operation is not a privatization of the sports park. Dr. Garcia suggested to add a Vision/Mission Statement to the plan. A permanent subcommittee would need to be created to deal with HT Sports issues and report to the TEDA Board. Motion to approve the Recreation Subcommittee Update by Mr. Barthel, seconded by Mr. Domangue. Motion passed.

At 1:10 p.m., Mr. Barthel moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. C. Hebert. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chris Lapeyre, President

Mrs. Tammy Haydel
Minute Clerk

