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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

President Chad Hebert called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mrs. Dawn Henry.

Members recorded as present were: Mr. Bobby Barthel, Mr. C.J. Domangue, Mr. Chad Hebert, Mr. Ronald LaBauve, Mr. Chris Lapeyre, and Mr. Ivan Williams.

Those recorded as absent were Dr. Michael Garcia, Mr. Nick Hebert and Mr. Michael LaGarde. Also present were Mr. Matt Rookard, TEDA's CEO; Mrs. Dawn Henry, TEDA's Executive Secretary; Ms. Crystal Chiasson, Workforce Development Coordinator for Fletcher Technical Community College, Mr. Henry Richard, CEO of Richard Development, and past board members Mr. Clarence Williams and Mr. Tommy Guarisco.

President Hebert gave an appreciation award to Mr. Tommy Guarisco for his past service on the Board of Directors.

Under public wishing, Ms. Crystal Chiasson explained the Certified Line Workers Program, a new program Fletcher Technical Community College and Delgado will host starting in January of 2018; Mr. Henry Richard discussed the retail draw target number of 500,000 that is needed to attract big box retailers (Terrebonne Parish is currently at 450,000). Mr. Richard requested assistance from TEDA with contacting the state to fix the many traffic flow issues that hamper Terrebonne Parish getting to this number, and suggested right and left hand turning lanes in key areas. Mr. Rookard will address these traffic issue with the MPO committee he sits on.

Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the September 12, 2017 board minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rookard presented the September financial reports, noting travel and training is higher than normal with expenses for a conference he attended in Toronto and half of the expense for the video we are working on with the Port. Mr. Lapeyre motioned to accept the report as presented, seconded by Mr. Barthel. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hebert opened the floor for nomination of officers, noting he had written proxies from Mr. N. Hebert and Dr. Garcia in their absence, to accept a nomination if either were nominated for a position. Mr. Barthel nominated Mr. Chris Lapeyre for President and Mr. Lapeyre accepted the nomination. With no other nominations, motion to accept Mr. Lapeyre as President was made by Mr. LaBauve, seconded by Mr. Barthel. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lapeyre nominated Mr. Nick Hebert for Vice-President and Mr. Hebert accepts the nomination through written proxy. With no other nominations, motion to accept Mr. N. Hebert as Vice-President was made by Mr. Barthel, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion

passed unanimously. Mr. C. Hebert nominated Mr. Bobby Barthel as Secretary and Mr. Barthel accepted the nomination. With no other nominations, motion to accept Mr. Barthel as Secretary was made by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. C. Hebert. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Barthel nominated Dr. Michael Garcia as Treasurer and Dr. Garcia accepts the nomination through written proxy. With no other nominations, motion to accept Dr. Garcia as Treasurer was made by Mr. Barthel, seconded by Mr. C. Hebert. The motion passed unanimously. President Hebert congratulated all new officers and advised their terms will commence at the next monthly board meeting. Mr. Rookard presented two commercial insurance renewals, the General Liability Policy through the Hartford with the same coverages as last year and an increase in premium of \$21.00 over last year's policy and the Workers' Compensation Policy through AmTrust North American with the same coverages as last year and a decrease in premium of \$102.00 over last year's policy. Motion by Mr. Lapeyre to accept both quotes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Barthel. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rookard presented the business retention report and stated we are on track to hit the projected goals. We are working with the Downtown Development and Main Street Program to get a marketing seminar for the downtown business owners to attract more visitors.

Mr. Rookard presented the CEO report which included a certification program for retirement communities that the Lieutenant Governor's office is dedicating resources to a statewide effort to develop. The Tourism Center will lead this effort with TEDA assisting with research and grant writing; a recap on the seafood market grant previously applied for which was not successful. Mr. Rookard will get back with the Seafood Committee since part of this grant was needed for funding the seafood festival. We will reapply for this grant next year; a recap on the International Economic Development conference he attended in Toronto; and an update on the budget which was presented to the Council last night. The budget will be voted on at the next Council meeting in two weeks. A few adjustments will be made with removal of staff raises and fees for parish accounting, which will be brought in house. The line-item budget still needs to be presented to the Council.

President Hebert reported this is his last meeting as President and thanked Mr. Rookard, the officers and the Board for all they did to help him while he was President.

Mr. Barthel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Chad Hebert, President

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Mrs. Dawn Henry  
Minute Clerk

