

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

President Michael Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mrs. Tammy Haydel. The meeting was held at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, 7910 Park Avenue in Houma.

Members recorded as present were: President Garcia, Mr. Robert Barthel, Mr. Nicholas Hebert, Mr. C.J. Domangue, Mr. Chris Lapeyre and Mrs. Kelly Reeves arrived at 12:06 p.m.; recorded as absent were Mr. Michael LaGarde, Mr. Ivan Williams and Mr. Jason Underwood. Also present were Mr. Matthew Rookard, TEDA's CEO, Mrs. Katherine G. Theriot, TEDA's Director of Business Retention & Expansion, Mrs. Tammy Haydel, TEDA's Executive Secretary and Councilman Carl Harding.

President Garcia made a call for publish wishing. Mr. Carl Harding acknowledged that he represents Terrebonne Parish District 2, which is considered a minority district. He is looking forward to working with TEDA for the development, education and advancement of the community.

Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the August 11, 2020 TEDA Meeting Minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Domangue. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert presented the August financial reports. The P&L shows August expenses at 22K, which is low due to late invoicing of the group insurance and rent. Payments will be caught up in September. Reports are unremarkable; the current balance as of 8/31/20 is 195K, which is in order and coincides with the second phase of funding. Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the August financial reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Theriot presented the BRE report. BRE in-house visits have decreased; however, there have been additional virtual meetings and a fair amount of assistance to the business community. Goals are being met for the year. Mr. Rookard advised that the project work has been on a slow increase. There are several projects in progress involving investment opportunities, as well as business expansion of local businesses.

Mr. Rookard updated the Board with Parish Revenue figures through July: Gross and net collections were up by 9.5% and 9.9%. August estimates are as follows: sales tax up 5.8%; motor vehicle tax up 15.9%; and, hotel/motel tax up 19.7%.

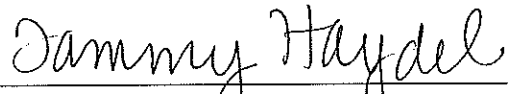
Mr. Rookard presented an economic development dashboard as a business assistance tool for the TEDA website. There are four primary connecting points: How-To (basic technical assist items), Notifications (indicators of economic data), Maps (workforce), and Connect (rundown of parish-level contacts). The cost of the program for a one-year contract is \$2,500.

President Garcia advised that board members should be appointed in October with elections for officers being held in November.

At 12:40 p.m., Mr. Barthel moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hebert. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Michael Garcia, President



Mrs. Tammy Haydel, Minute Clerk