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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

President Chad Hebert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mrs. Dawn Henry.

Members recorded as present were: Mr. Robert Barthel, Dr. Michael Garcia, Mr. Tommy Guarisco, Mr. Chad Hebert, Mr. Nicholas Hebert, Mr. Ronald LaBauve, Mr. Chris Lapeyre, Mr. Clarence Williams and Mr. Ivan Williams. There were none recorded as absent. Also present were Mr. Matt Rookard, TEDA's CEO; Mrs. Dawn Henry, TEDA's executive secretary and Mr. Pat Gordon, South Central Planning and Development Commission's planning director.

Mr. Pat Gordon with SCPDC states they assist the region with economic development with grants through EDA as well as Brownsfield and they currently have a few projects in Terrebonne Parish. Mr. Gordon will come by periodically to give updates.

Mr. Barthel moved, seconded by Mr. C. Lapeyre, to approve the January 10, 2017, minutes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. N. Hebert stated the January financials align with historicals. Mr. Rookard will follow up on when the appropriated funds from the parish will be deposited as they were not received in January. Mr. C. Hebert questioned how close were the carry-over funds from 2016 to what was budgeted? Mr. Rookard will check into this. Motion by Mr. Barthel, seconded by Mr. C. Lapeyre to accept the financial report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Michael Garcia arrived at the meeting. Mr. Rookard presented a list of items to be surplus. On the technology items, the IT department was consulted prior to pricing the technology items and they stated most items are well out of date, so the items were priced accordingly. Mr. C. Hebert asked if items that don't sell, can be donated to a 501C3. Mr. Rookard stated as a state agency, we could, but the parish purchasing has a different standard where they are not able to be donated. Motion by Mr. C. Williams to surplus the entire list of surplus items, seconded by Mr. Barthel; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rookard presented a list of items that cannot be located. Most of the items are over 11 years old and are probably items that were either disposed of or lost in the many moves of TEDA and these items were not properly removed from the assets list. He is looking to update the asset lists and get these items removed properly. Motion by Mr. N. Hebert, second by Mr. C. Williams to remove items from the asset list and book the entry as of 12/31/16; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rookard presented previously surplus items with revised pricing. Most items were reduced to at least half, if not a little more. These were recommendations by the warehouse due to items not selling. Motion by Mr. N. Hebert, seconded by Mr. I Williams to reduce the pricing on surplus items; motion passed unanimously.

The CEO report included significant progress on the new website. He hopes to rollout the website by next board meeting; The LNG project went to Port Fourchon; Terrebonne Parish has put together a committee to organize a Seafood Festival to take place in Spring, 2018 at the Houma Airbase as a revitalization effort. TEDA will chair this committee which also includes four members of the Parish Council. They will put a system in place to ensure that only Louisiana seafood is sold at the festival; The auditor has been submitted to the Legislative auditor's office. Changing auditors takes approximately two weeks; There was an article on the strategic plan in the Houma Courier on January 14th, which was picked up by City Business as well. Mr. Rookard is also being interviewed by the Houma Times for an economic recovery story; Chouest is looking to hire; and BHP Billiton has just approved a major exploration project in the gulf, which is the first new gulf project in the oilfield comeback.

Mr. Rookard presented the business retention report. Details from business retention meetings on what is happening in the economy are pricing and day rates are not on the rise yet; midstream service companies are getting a little nervous, so far holding their own; fabrication and marine sectors are still struggling, with more layoffs possible; companies are looking to diversify; early planning stages for projects, but still waiting on the damn to break; and labor is still plentiful with plenty still out of work. Mr. Rookard presented information on the Certified Sites Program. Rebecca Plantation is in the final stages of signing the state's Memorandum of Agreement to enter the program. Mr. Rookard also gave an update on the Schlumberger project. Grifols is opening a new plasma donor center on Martin Luther King Blvd. They are investing 3 million into the local economy and will employ approximately 50 people.

President Hebert reported the Secretary of Revenue will be speaking at the Chamber luncheon today for those who want to attend.

Mr. Barthel reported the YMCA is considering building racquetball and tennis courts due to Renaissance Fitness Center closing. They are trying to raise funds to do this. Mr. Rookard will reach out to them. Mr. Barthel moved at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Mr. N. Hebert, to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Chad Hebert, President

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Dawn Henry, Minute Clerk