

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TERREBONNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

President Michael Garcia called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Ms. Tammy Haydel. The meeting was held at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, 7910 West Park Avenue in Houma.

Members recorded as present were: Mr. Robert Barthel, Dr. Michael Garcia, Mr. C.J. Domangue, Mr. Nicolas Hebert, Mr. Joe Boudreaux, II and Mr. Jason Underwood; recorded as absent were: Ms. Kelly Reeves and Mr. Michael LaGarde. Also present were Mr. Matthew Rookard, Ms. Tammy Haydel, TEDA's Executive Secretary, and Pat Gordon of South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC).

President Garcia made a call for public wishing. Mr. Gordon updated the Board concerning regional economic development recovery meetings with FEMA, EDA and OCD. \$3M was received in Cares Act funding for businesses to apply for low-interest loans related to Covid.

Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the January 11, 2022 TEDA Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Domangue. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert presented the January financial reports. Financials are in line and balanced. Partial funding was received. Mr. Barthel motioned to approve the January financial reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rookard presented the Board with an Overview of TEDA in regard to the request for additional funding. TEDA has made incredible progress over the past five years in that:

- TEDA has become a credible partner to many of the organizations and institutions that play roles in the economic development landscape. By focusing on the relationships with Fletcher, LUMCON, the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber, SCIA, and Bayou Industrial Group, TEDA's team was able to support many initiatives and demonstrate their ability to add value to the community.
- TEDA has focused on their existing business base. Working closely with the State, they have concentrated their economic growth efforts on existing business. This includes incentives assistance, economic impact reports for policy decisions, support and connections with workforce needs, and numerous other requests. TEDA has also spent significant time assisting entrepreneurs with business start-ups.

Mr. Rookard stated that additional funding would give TEDA an opportunity to demonstrate organizational value, go public, engage more fully in downtown revitalization efforts, administrative costs related to the management of TEDFo, recovery work, staff payroll, and maintain a reasonable reserve. Mr. Barthel motioned to approve TEDA's budget amendment request as submitted, seconded by Dr. Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rookard advised the Board of the Revitalize or Die Invitation from Houma Downtown Development.


Mr. Rookard presented the BRE Report to the Board discussing business development and staff activity, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Alexander Ryan Safety & Marine.

Mr. Hebert motioned to approve Resolution 22-001 supporting the Ordinance in relation to the Lease between TEDA and TPCG, seconded by Mr. Barthel. The motion passed unanimously.


Mr. Barthel motioned to approve Resolution 22-002 supporting the Intergovernmental Agreement between TEDA and TPCG, seconded by Mr. Underwood. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Garcia advised that Parish Council did not receive Mr. Lewis' application; therefore, was not appointed to the Board. However, Mr. Derek Dark was appointed by Parish Council to the TEDA Board of Commissioners and will be installed at the next meeting.

At 12:35 p.m., Mr. Barthel moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hebert. The motion passed unanimously.



President Michael Garcia



Ms. Tammy Haydel, Minute Clerk