

**Iberia Economic Development Authority**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, August 23, 2012**

Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority

met on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. at

101 Burke Street, in New Iberia, LA 70560

Cecil Hymel called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hymel called for the roll:

Members Present: Jim Wiggins, Fran Henderson, Damon Miguez, Liz Bodin, Cecil Hymel

Members Absent:

Others Present: Michael Tarantino

Mr. Hymel called for Public Comment. There being no comments, after a quick review of the minutes from the last meeting, on a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Liz Bodin, the minutes of the regular July, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Jim Wiggins, the July, 2012 financials were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked for an update on the status of the Iberia Parish GIS system. Mike Tarantino reported that he will be attending a meeting of the GIS board in the next week and will have an update at the next regular meeting in September. Mr. Hymel also asked for an update on the Buxton project. Mr. Tarantino reported that he has been working with one of the retailers identified in the study and they are reporting obstacles, specifically getting proper traffic counts. DOTD has traffic counts set up in certain areas, but will not go outside of those identified areas. We can hire a firm to produce the specific traffic counts the retailer is asking for. Mr. Tarantino will contact a firm for a quote.

Mike Tarantino proceeded with his economic update. He noted that the photos from the Progress Point photo event have come in and the Press Release will be going out soon. He is continuing to meet with Marc Berard on the park design.

Mr. Tarantino went on to report that the Vermillion Bay Sweet and Delcambre Direct project are moving along well. The unveiling of the product at the Delcambre Shrimp Festival was very successful. The group is now working on a "gumbo pack" and hope to unveil that product at the upcoming Gumbo Cook Off.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Cecil Hymel, seconded by Jim Wiggins, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:30 AM.