**MINUTES**

**August 23, 2023, 3pm**

Vidalia Conference and Convention Center

112 Front St

Vidalia, LA 71373

1. Call to Order / Roll Call – RS, GW, TJ, HC, JD, BD, JB, DD, GA, JS, DH, GK, BK, KT, AB, BS
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance \_J. Bottley\_\_ \_\_J. Dadakis\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Agenda – ***Action***

APPROVE M D. Dufour

2 T. Johnson

Against: 0

1. Public Comment – J. Sutherlin discussed the awarding of $500,000 to Tullulah for brownsfields
2. Minutes

* October 13, 2022, January 11, 2023 – ***Action***

APPROVE M J. Bottley

2 D. Dufour

Against: 0

1. Financial

* 2023 Q1-Q2 Financials – ***Action***

APPROVE M J. Bottley

2 J. Sutherlin

Against: 0

* Resolution 23-04 2022-2023 Budget Final Amendment – ***Action***

APPROVE M J. Bottley 2 D. Dufour

Against: 0

* Resolution 23-05 2023-2024 Budget – ***Action***

APPROVE M B. Davis 2 J. Bottley

Against: 0

* Resolution 23-06 Invictus Solutions Contract – ***Action***

APPROVE M T. Johnson 2 B. Davis

Against: 0

* Resolution 23-07 Louisiana Dept of Revenue CEA – ***Action***

APPROVE M J. Bottley 2 B. Davis

Against: 0

1. Executive Director’s Report

* Operations
  + - 2023 Legislative Session Recap - provided by Rep. Johnson
    - Grants Update - DRA Workforce grant denied, DRA Strategic Planning Grant still under review by DRA, researching additional opportunities
    - Resolution 23-08 Delta Bike Commission Memorandum of Understanding – ***Action***

TABLE M D. Dufour 2 B. Davis

Against: 0

* + - Broadband Update - will present at next meeting
    - Strategic Plan Update - initial session conducted for mission/vision statements. Next steps of goals/objectives/survey/interviews to be done in September
    - Website Update - general reorganization of website and information update

VII. Chairman’s Report

* Next Board Meeting – October 11, 2023, January 2024, April 2024
* Officer Elections – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer

J. Bottley M H. Copeland 2 T. Johnson

Against: 0

TREASURER NOMINATIONS

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D. Hill M T. Johnson 2 G. Allen

Against: 0

SECRETARY NOMINATIONS

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T. Johnson M B. Davis 2 K. Thompson

Against: 0

VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS

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B. Davis M T. Johnson 2 G. Allen

CHAIR NOMINATIONS – round 1

J. Dadakis M D. Dufour 2 G. Kennedy

**VOTE – 6 Davis :6 Dadakis :1 Abstain**

**TIE**

B. Davis M T. Johnson 2 G. Allen

CHAIR NOMINATIONS – round 2

J. Dadakis M D. Dufour 2 G. Kennedy

**VOTE 7 Davis: 4 Dadakis: 1 Abstain DAVIS elected Chair**

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1. Adjourn

APPROVE M J. Bottley 2 D. Dufour

Against: 0