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MR. ROY:
Call to order the Board of
Directors Louisiana Economic
Development Corporation. Roll
call, please.
MS . SIMMONS:
Good morning. Mr. A.J. Roy.
MR. ROY:
Here.
MS . SIMMONS:
Alden Andre. Louis Reine.
Mr. Charles Jackson.
MR. JACKSON:
Here.
MS . SIMMONS:
Mandi Mitchell.
MS . MITCHELL :
Here.
MS . SIMMONS :
Mr. Cal Simpson.
MR. SIMPSON:
Here.
MS. SIMMONS:
Mr. Nitin Kamath.

MR. KAMATH:
Here.
MS. SIMMONS:
Sue Durand. Kimberly
Johnson. Todd McDonald. We do not have a quorum.

MR. ROY:
Okay. In keeping with that,
the screening committee is authorized per our bylaws to conduct much of the business today. Our recent bylaws is authorized to review and consider for approval, meaning any and all completed applications presented to the corporation along with any staff recommendations. Committee shall then report the recommendation and/or any approvals before the Board. The Screening Committee has the authority to approve in connection with LEDC programs any warrants, including grants as well as loans and/or loan
guarantees, loan participations and investments recommended by

LEDC staff up to and not
exceeding LED's exposure in each case and not to exceed the following dollar amounts, etc.

Fortunately Mr. Jackson will
chair that committee and --
MR. JACKSON:
Chair the Screening
Committee, oh, okay. I would -MR. ROY:

So point of order to move
into the Screening Committee now.
MR. JACKSON :
Yeah. Mr. Chairman, in
absence of the quorum for before the full board, I would move that we move into the Screen Committee and conduct such business as we can.

MR. ROY:
So move. Second?
MS . MITCHELL:
Second.

MR. ROY:
All in favor aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. ROY:
All oppose, nay. Without objection, so move. A little confusion and we have plenty of leadership today. We'll get through it.

I will call to order now the
Screening Committee of the
Louisiana Economic Development
Corporation. We have a
sufficient quorum.
MS . GUESS :
Yes, we do.
MR. ROY:
All right. We will ask staff to give us an update on the inhouse approvals that were on the minutes. Anyone?

MR. BIENEMY:
Stanley Bienemy representing

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staff. Can you hear me? Okay.
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Stanley Bienemy recommending
staff. Good morning. I have
three loan updates for you today.
The first one is Triumverate,
LLC. Triumverate is a new law
firm specializing in insurance
litigation in the New Orleans
area. Iberia Bank is requesting
a 75 percent LEDC guarantee on
two revolving line of credit.
The first line would be $\$ \mathbf{5 0 0 , 0 0 0}$
for startup working capital
needs. The line will be used to
support payroll and some initial
costs. The second revolving line
of credit will be for $\$ 100,000$
for case expenses, subject matter
of experts. Both lines will be
backed by receivables. The
partners have an existing book of
business that will follow them to
the new firm. They expect
repayment to begin within threemonths of launch and will be debt
free within 12 to 18 months.

This was staff approved on June
24, 2019.
The second update is for LAC
Import, LLC. They are a
convenient store wholesaler and distributor of non-durable goods.

The company was formed in 2014 by
two brothers, and they have
recently purchased the building
through Community Bank of
Louisiana to expand their
warehouse operations. Community
Bank approved the revolving line of a credit request of $\$ 600,000$.

These funds including existing \$50,000 line of credit along with $\$ 550,000$ in revolving line of
credit to fund their inventory
demand at the new distribution
center. Community Bank is
requesting a 75 percent LEDC
guarantee and eligible portion of
the 550,000 line. The line will
be backed by inventory
receivables. This was also staff
approved on June 24, 2019.
And the final update is Away
Down South. It's a startup gift shop/ice cream parlor located in downtown St. Francisville. The company is owned by a husband and wife team, Amanda and James

Deville. James is a disabled
Veteran, and Amanda has worked in
retail for the majority of her
life. Recently managing the gift
shop at the Myrtles Plantation
for the last few years. Amanda
grew up at her mom's retail
store, the Shanty Too and was
recently able to purchase the
building after her mom's passing.
The Bank of St. Francisville is
structuring this into two loans;
a revolving line of credit for
$\mathbf{\$ 2 5 , 0 0 0}$ purchase of inventory for
the gift shop and three year
guarantee, and a term loan for
$\$ 14,508$ to purchase equipment for
the ice cream portion of the shop
with a five year term. Both
loans will be collateralized and
secured by inventory and
equipment valued at $\$ 80,000$.
Staff approved this loan on July
18 of 2019.
Are there any questions?
MR. ROY:
Questions, comments? Thank you.

MR. BAHAM:
Thank you.
MR. ROY:
A little ping pong match this morning. We now have a quorum so we are now back in the LEDC Board meeting. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

Next order of business is the approval of the minutes of the June 13th LEDC Board meeting.

MS . MITCHELL:
I move to approve the minutes of our June 13th LEDC Board meeting.

MR. SIMPSON :
Second.
MR. ROY:
Motion to approve as
presented. Second. Any
discussion? Any comments from the
public? Hearing none, all in
favor, aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS :
Aye.
MR. ROY:
All oppose, nay. Without objection.

The next minutes are the minutes of the Screening Committee of July 18th.

Obtain a motion to accept as presented. Motion to accept as presented.

MR. KAMATH:
Second.
MR. ROY:
Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, aye.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS:

Aye.
MR. ROY:
All oppose, nay. Any
comments from the public? Without objection.

All right. Under the SSBCI
fund or program, DMS Holdings,
Ms. Marissa. Good morning.
MS . DOIN:
Good morning.
MR. ROY:
Good morning. You may need
to turn on that microphone. It
may not be on.
MS . DOIN:
Marissa Doin representing
staff. Today we have a loan
guaranty request for DMS
Holdings, LLC and Lettuce Host,
LLC. I have with me today Ms.
Debbie Mere with Home Bank to my right, and to her right, Ryan and David Shepard with DMS Holdings and Lettuce Host.

DMS Holdings, LLC is the new
entity created by David Shepard
to lease an event and catering
facility in Central, Louisiana.
DMS Holdings will own the property and the building and lease the development to Lettuce Host, LLC, the operating entity. Both entities are one hundred percent owned by David Shepard. DMS will utilize the ten acres commercial zone to construct the events and catering facility. The facility itself will be an 8,000 square foot custom barn venue fully air conditioned and large enough to host 200 plus people.

DMS Holdings is requesting
\$1,584,000 for the construction
of the facility. Home Bank will
structure the construction line
into 12 months interest only
converting to a term after
construction with a seven year
term over 20 years. The ten
acres zone commercial with
improvements will back the loan.
LEDC will guarantee the permanent
financing portion of the loan.
75 percent of $\$ 1.854 \mathrm{million}$.
Lettuce Host, LIC is
requesting $\$ 289,225$ to fund the
FF\&E. Home Bank will structure
this loan into a non-revolving
line for 12 months interest only
and then converting to a term for
seven years. The note will be
backed by ten acres of
residential land with
improvements. LEDC will
guarantee the permanent financing
portion of the loan, 75 percent
of $\$ 289,225$. As a result of
these loans, they will be
creating six full time jobs and
120 part-time jobs.
Home Bank is asking for a
seven year guarantee on each
loan. And with that, I'll turn
it over to Ryan Shepherd to tell
y'all more about the project.

MR. SHEPARD :
Good morning. Ryan Shepherd,
COO of Lettuce Host, LLC. First of all, thank you so much for having us today. It's good to be here and a blessing to be able to impact Central economically.

A little bit about our
company is that we're a family
business. We're all Louisiana
natives and we grew up right exactly where we plan to build this event venue. The idea is to be an epicenter of Louisiana culture and cuisine. I spent the
last 15 years of my life as a professional chef working with the likes of Chef Paul Prudhomme where $I$ was a director of research and development, corporate Chef at Magic Seasoning Blend, and currently $I$ am the executive chef for L.H. Hayward and Company, which is the

Camellia brand, and Gulf Coast

Blenders. And any questions?
MS . DOIN:
Any questions, comments?
MR. ROY:
Do you have -- does he have
anything to add? Anyone else?
MS . MERE :
No. We're very excited to have this opportunity to work with them. We definitely see a need for that in the community, and we're very happy to be a partner with them.

MR. ROY:
Very good.
MR. JACKSON :
Do you envision that you will
be a destination venue or is there enough activity within that immediate area to keep you busy?

MR. SHEPARD :
Currently there's enough of population in the area to keep us busy, but we do foresee ourselves becoming a destination in the
venue. We have -- we've met with
the City of Central themselves and they couldn't be more in
support of the venue itself.
They feel like it is a need for the community to have place to celebrate events, Mardi Gras, things like that.

MR. JACKSON:
I'm sorry.
MR. SHEPARD :
More than an event center. I
mean, we have the City of Central
trying to book the Mardi Gras
balls there and a wine tasting event. It's going to be a very active and will become a premier destination venue in Louisiana. 43 acres around it. A lot of greenery. Two big lakes, fountains. It's going to be very, very nice, and this is the stage 1. Stage 2 will be another venue in the front, which is a plantation home, and there's 12
giant oak trees around the entrance to the plantation home.
However, after the 2016 flood in
Denham Springs we had pushed back
the plantation home from being
the front venue. We decided to
move into that. We run an
investment office out of there, so we're starting with the barn venue in the back. Two or three years later we move to stage 2 , which will be the front venue, so this will be nothing like this in the Baton Rouge area.

MR. ROY:
Ms. Mitchell.
MS . MITCHELI :
Yes. Thank you for that. I was just going to ask if you-all have plans for any specific types of events that you would target. I don't know, like, corporate meetings that are, you know, weddings or is it just across the water front, the sky's the limit.

I was just curious if you had a specific niche area that you were looking into.

MR. SHEPARD :
That's a great question, and our bread and butter will be the wedding venue events, but we plan to do ticketed events where we do chef pop up dinners, wine tasting's, garden club. I am a graduate of the Louisiana Master Gardening Program, so we'll have a very edible campus, but we will do a lot of tours and activities with people that are members of our gardening community and then also with some of the schools around the area, so the sky is the limit.

MS . JOHNSON:
I had a question. In terms of you said about the number of jobs, was that for phase 1 and phase 2? What is the timeline for that in terms of growth?

MR. SHEPARD :
So the timeline for that is
all for phase 1. As soon as the
loan is approved and we
initialize everything, there will
be two full time jobs created,
and then once we break for --
once we open the doors, we'll
have six full time jobs. That
120 part time jobs will come in when we start hiring for to
execute events and then also some
of the caretakers of the
premises.
MR. ROY:
And tell us about the competition in the Central area.

MR. SHEPARD :
Currently Ashley Manor is our closest competitor. They have a barn like venue that is a few miles from where we will be
located. It's in the Denham
Springs area. They have 26 paved parking spots. They are a lot
smaller than we have. They can't host 200 people without putting up an outdoor tent, so we really
are differentiating ourselves into a more premier event venue.

We also know that we've done all of our pricing in comparison with
all of the other event venues in the greater Baton Rouge area.

We're priced very competitively, and we offer a venue and events space that's unmatched here in this area.

MS . MITCHELL:
Mr. Chairman, I have one more question and then $I$ have a motion.

But my question is how do you plan to market your venue?

MR. SHEPARD :
That's a great question. We have done our due diligence to look for a great team to market the venue. We have identified

MESH Media. They are located
here in Baton Rouge. They work with Visit BR, LSU, and they are very excited about the heightened campaign that we will put on to market the venue, and bring awareness to the story of not only the celebration of Louisiana culture and cuisine but also the family legacy that we have tied back into the City of Central in that area.

MR. ROY:
Any other questions, comments?

MS . MITCHELL:
I just have a comment. This is exactly the type of business venture that this organization, LEDC, was established to support and particularly homegrown businesses, and so you-all have the background and you have the experience and the expertise for the business that you are proceeding into, so I would like
to make a motion that we approve
the loan guarantee for DMS
Holdings, LLC and Lettuce Host, LLC.

MR. ROY:
Motion for approval.
MR. JACKSON:
Second.
MR. ROY:
Second. Any discussion? Any comments from the public? Hearing none, all in favor, aye.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. ROY:
All oppose, nay. Without objection. Congratulations. Please keep us posted on your successes and we'd love to hear from you.

MS . MITCHELL:
And thank you Home Bank for partnering with us.

MR. ROY:
Thank you. Next order of
business is the Treasurer's
Report. Ms. Villa.
MS. VILIA:
Good morning. Secretary
Treasurer's Report as of July
30th, 2019, the first page we
have our budget overall programs
slighted for FY '20 is
\$11,738,969. I have approved
projected expenditures of
$\$ 236,158$, which gives us a
balance of $\$ 11,502,811$. And then
the Board approved project of
$\$ 351,230$, which leaves us with a
balance of $\$ 11,151,581$. We have projects under review within the department of $\$ 441,563$, which leaves us with a year end balance of $\$ 10,710,018$.

On your second page of the report we have it broken out by project or by program, I should say, and for our first program our financial assistance in SSBCI program for FY '20, we have a
budget of $\$ 1,627,729$, and then we
have approved projected
expenditures of $\$ 236,158$, which consist of the Hubig's Pies and the Way Down South. And then we had the DMS Holdings, which was just approved of $\$ 351,230$. So in the SSBCI program we have a subtotal of $\$ 1,040,342$, and then we have a project under review that would be $\$ 66,563$, which
would leave us a year end
projected balance of 973,779.
Regarding our capital outlay
appropriation between our EDAP
program and our EDRED program, we
have an FY ' 20 budget of
\$10,111,240. There are currently
no projects that are pending of
the Board approval or any
projected expenditures, so that
leaves us with a balance of
\$10,111, 240 .
We do have a couple of
projects that have been announced
by the Department that contain an
EDAP provision, and those amount
to those two projects listed.
Richard Cajun Foods and Bagwell
Energy Services of $\$ 375,000$ so we
are expecting a year end balance
of $\$ 9,736,240$.
And then the last page of the report is really -- really don't really need to go through it. We're still closing out our FY
' 19 actuals, and so this report
will be updated at our next Board meeting, which would contain our FY '19 actuals for the year as well as what our projection is for FY' 20.

Any questions from the Board?
MR. ROY:
Ms. Mitchell.
MS . MITCHELL:
Yes. Thank you, madam
treasurer. I believe we had discussed periodically inviting

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the leader of business
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intelligence to report on the
EDRED program for the edification of the Board.

MS. VILIA:
Yes.
MS . MITCHELL:
So I just wanted to put that on our radar that at some point in the near future at one of our future meetings we invite Mr. Templet to give us an update on the Economic Development Site Readiness Program, which is what the EDRED acronym stands for, and we do fund that from -- through this.

MS. VILIA:
That's right. Yes. It's been
a couple of years now, $I$ believe, since we last came to the Board to ask for additional funding for the program, which has been a successful program throughout the state. We had some initial

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discussions with Mr. Tepper
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coming to the Board. The
previous director of our business
intelligence team retired in
January of this past year, so
Michael Tepper has been shadowing
him pretty much for a long time prior to him announcing his
retirement, but he actually was appointed to that position when Mr. Henson retired, so, yes, Mr. Tepper is aware and is preparing to present to the Board in an upcoming meeting.

MR. BAHAM:
We were discussing October.
We have been in contact.
MS. VILILA:
Right. I think you guys will be very excited, you know, the funds have gone to projects that have been announced because of those -- those sites being certified, so, thank you. Thank you.

MR. ROY:

Any questions, comments?
Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to approve as presented.

MS . MITCHELL :
Second.
MR. ROY:
Second. Any discussion?
Hearing none, all in favor, aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS :
Aye.
MR. ROY:
All oppose, nay. Any comments
from the public? So ordered.
The Accountants report. Ms. Dalgo. Good morning.

MS . DALGO :
Good morning. I'm Crystal
Dalgo and I will be presenting to you the Accountants status report as of June 30 , 2019. The EDAP loan portfolio it totals \$991, 197. There are currently three loans under this portfolio consisting of the City of Bastrop and Morgan City. The allowance
for the EDAP loans is set at 15
percent and that totals $\$ 148,679$.
And we'll move on to the SSBCI
guarantee loan portfolio. It totals $\$ 5,474,683$. There are currently 17 loans under this portfolio. LA Bayou Bites falls at 30 to 60 days late and Seafood Enterprises and Acadian Cypress are listed as high risk loans.

The allowance for the SSBCI guarantee loan losses is calculated at 18 percent for the current amount, 25 percent for
the loans that fall under the 30
to 60 days late, and one hundred
percent on the high risk loans.
As of June 30, 2019, this
allowance totaled $\$ 1,828,797$.
And this concludes my report.
Are there any questions?
MR. ROY:
Questions? Comments?
MS . MITCHELL:
Steve, can you explain the
handout because I'm not sure how that is relevant to Crystal's report.

MR. BAHAM:
This is something that Mr.
Roy brought back in our June meeting. You had asked for just
a breakdown of our guaranteed balance. The set aside piece -whenever we approve a loan guarantee we take a piece and put it to the side, and as -- and
leave it there for safekeeping in case we need to utilize it to payout the guarantee.

What I passed out is something that Crystal and I worked together to bring up and that's why I passed it out during our presentation here because while she's sitting there and she can probably answer some questions that $I$ may not be able to answer as accountant. But what you will see here is the
balance of that loan amount and what we have set aside or what we have in the accounts to back these loans at the end of every fiscal year. It was easier to break it down by fiscal year because these are ever changing balances. Whenever we -- if we have a loan approved in December of the middle of the fiscal year then that balance can go up, and then we have others that mature and fall off so it will go down, so it's a constant flow. So we figure just capturing the end of the fiscal year would probably be
a better representation of how those accounts have moved. So this is simply the amount of money that we have set aside to cover these loans at any given time. And then actually kind of piggybacks off of or kind of into an additional piece because as you know since we have had SSBCI
from 2011, what we do to leverage those funds we take every 25 percent of every approved guarantee, so we take 25 percent of that guaranteed amount and put it in that fund and set it aside that way it gave us essentially rough figures about a four to one leverage ratio so we can do three additional loans including the one that we approved, which will stretch our funds out. And this balance here that is in front of you, the guaranteed loan balance is a reflection of being able to leverage those loans.

The current balance -- which
leads me into the next piece that
I wanted to discuss. If you go back to the Accountant's report -- wait, not the Accountant's report, the secretary treasurer's report, it would show you will see on there -- trying to bring it up here.

MS. VILIA:
Like a million dollars, I
believe, Steve, right?
MR. BAHAM:
Yeah. Approximately a
million dollars after the loan is
approved today with DMS Holdings.
We have approximately 850 to a million dollars left of the original federal dollar amount that was allowed to us through SSBCI, so we are getting extremely close to spending all of that money and then -- go ahead.

MR. ROY:
So that's what the assumption that we are setting aside 25 percent.

MR. BAHAM:
Correct.
MR. ROY:
And hence, the available -available balance of 890 , whatever you said.

MR. BAHAM:
Right. So what we would have
is we have approximately a
million dollars left of the
original balance, so any time we
approve the loan, we take that 25
percent of that guaranteed amount, so that million left is what we have that's left to utilize, so if we approve another
loan in the coming weeks or months, we'll take 25 percent of that million and -- not million but the loan amount and pull it out of that pot. We anticipate being or running through that money by the end of the year. Hopefully before. We have had it since 2011 so we want to make sure that we utilize this as quickly as possible.

MS. VILIAA:
So, Steve, simple math is if we have throughout the course of the year $\$ 4$ million of loans that
come through we'll use up the million dollars.

MR. BAHAM :
Yeah. Simple math. 25 percent.

MR. ROY:
Obviously we need to be more on the conservative side when we establish our reserves. But given now that we have a few years of history, I am just wondering what our actual losses are, and if you use that formula, what reserve it might dictate.

MR. BAHAM :
The actual loss --
MR. ROY:
That's the way we do it in the banking world.

MS. VILIA:
We really haven't had -- we had a couple that are in default but we really haven't had any actual losses, and I think we

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talked about that, right?
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> MR. BAHAM:

We are currently anticipating
our first loss from this program.
We feel that -- as a matter of
fact we will have a discussion
later on today with the bank in
one of the two loans that are in
default, and we anticipate that
coming to a head very soon, so it
will probably be our first payout coming out I'm assuming before
the next Board meeting, so you
will see it on the Secretary
Treasurer's Report, so then we --
what we do, and Crystal can
probably help me out with this,
but from an accounting standpoint
whenever a loan goes -- so we
take 25 percent and set it aside.
Once it goes beyond that 30 day
late period, we ramp it up
another 25 percent. After 60 we add another 25 percent, and once
it goes beyond or hits that 90
day mark, we are taking -- moving
one hundred percent of that
outstanding balance to cover it,
which is another representation
of the sheet that I passed out
the differences that are in
fluctuations there.
MR. ROY:
So once you move it there, do you ever move it back, the loan starts performing adequately or do you just keep it there?

MR. BAHAM:
We can.
MS. DALGO :
We have.
MR. BAHAM:
We have moved them up and
down before. She accounts for the dollar and dollar basis. I account for it on -- money that's not spent, money that has been spent type of basis, so we're looking at it in two different lenses and we just make sure our numbers are matching up.

MR. ROY:
So you are saying that
currently only one loan that we
have reserve more than 25 percent for?

MR. BAHAM:
There's two, I believe.
MS. DALGO:
There's two.
MR. ROY:
Hashing through the details, it may be something that we want to consider the funds -obviously we need to be doing our math and calculations on what our reserve should be, but, you know, if his start data shows that our losses just aren't 25 percent then it's worth considering. Food for thought.

MR. BAHAM:
Absolutely.
MS. VILIA:
Yeah. We'll have to look with the Board and with legal to
sort it out.
MR. JACKSON:
How material do you envision this one that you are going to be
looking at?
MR. BAHAM:
The dollar amount?
MR. JACKSON:
Yeah.
MS. VILLA:
Under the Accountant's Report under past two loans we have two in the high risk category, which, Crystal, correct me if I'm wrong, you have one hundred percent, it's one hundred percent reserved right now for both C-Boutique Enterprises and Acadian Cypress, those are both one hundred percent reserved, and then the LA Bayou Bites is 25 percent reserved as of right now. Is that right, Crystal?

MS. DALGO:
Yes. That percentage of the
bottom allowance for the guarantee loss of 33.4 percent. Correct me if I'm wrong, that is reflecting the --

MS. VILIA:
Everything.
MS . DALGO :
The reserve versus how much
that --
MS. VILLA:
That's right. That's right.
MR. BAHAM:
The full exposure that we anticipate paying out over the next month would be no more than $\$ 930,000$, but the loan has been paid, and this particular loan the Acadian Cypress loan that we are discussing, my initial calculation would be a total amount of a little over 700. Now, keep in mind we've already initially set aside 250 some odd thousand when we did the initial guarantee a few years ago, so
from the SSBCI unused portion of
that million dollars, we're only
looking at about a little over
\$500, 000 that would come out of
that, so almost half of the money
or a little over half of the
money that's available in our
unused SSBCI that hasn't lost
those federal identity. So from
the SSBCI available funds
standpoint that would leave us
with \$300,000 and some change.
MS. VILLA:
So, Steve, what you are
saying is if we have any losses
that occurred it comes out of our
balance that are still considered
sSBCI, the million dollars we
were talking about earlier. Any
losses would come from there
first prior to --
MR. BAHAM:
'13, '14 that have matured or have been paid out early, those funds are sitting separate and we're trying to spend the original federal allotment before we dip into the funds that have been recycled. So we do have reserves back there. We don't want to touch it until we spend somebody else's money before we spend our own.

MS . JOHNSON:
Question about the reserves.
So you have the bucket of money that is -- that matured loans and
then you have the -- not the
excess but about the million, so
how do you have a holistic view of how you are going to go forward in terms of the rest of the money because you have the matured funds that you have and those are open and then you have the million which, from what you are explaining, is probably about
$\$ 500$ million because of the at risk loans.

MS. VILIA:
Did I hear $\$ 500$ million?
MS . JOHNSON :
I mean $\$ 500,000$. Sorry.
MR. BAHAM:
I wish we had $\$ 500$ million.
We can do a lot with $\$ 500$
million.
So I guess your question is do we have a plan of action how to utilize those going forward
or --
MS . JOHNSON :
Right. Two different
buckets.
MR. BAHAM :
I got three different
buckets. I have a big spread here. So we have a million dollars which is what we are trying to utilize first. That's unused. I have a recycle of stuff that has come back, so
let's just say it's, like, two and a half and three, something like that, and then we have our existing loans, and that's our bucket that this sheet here that I passed out represents.

MS . JOHNSON:
Money spent by the end of the year.

MR. BAHAM:
That's what we accept being spent. It doesn't have a definite timeline or end date.

The SSBCI funds once we got that final tranche, the only end date that was given to us was March of 2017 and that's when the feds at the treasury department their oversight would end, but the contract and agreement that we have with them says that as long as you got this money, whatever money you have left, which would be this million dollars, has to about utilized in the manor and
purpose in which it was intended for and can't be utilized any -any other way until it has been spent and come back or recycled back to you.

MS. VILLA:
I think, I mean, we've often had that discussion internally about the use of funds and once it loses its identity, you know, what we can use it for, so that's just something that we continue to discuss internally. We talked about, you know, have we done anything in the past that the Board, you know, has oversight on that we can -- if we can bring back. Different type of loan guarantees. Right now we're pretty defined on the type of loan guarantee that we have. Brenda and I have had some high level discussions about are there other types of loan guarantees that we can potentially do that
weren't part of the package of
SSBCI, so --
MS . JOHNSON:
Okay. Thank you.
MR. JACKSON:
Yeah. And I thought we had
talked about this once before, but it's possible that we hadn't.

On this report would it be
possible for -- in future
versions of it to have the date
of the particular loan so that we
can see how long it's been there.

> MR. BAHAM:

I've got the spreadsheet
brought up right now on my
computer. What I will do is I
will make a condensed version of
th program as a whole because the
way that the feds wanted us to
track in the past early on we
were still kind of learning how
the feds did things, so every
loan that got approved went on
the sheet and reported to the
feds and not every loan closed.
So the borrower would either back
out or the deal would fall
through but we had already
committed funds and then we had to pull funds back, so there is a
lot of redundancy on here that
shows money going out and coming
back in that had to be re-spent
again because it never actually
got spent. So back in ' 14 we
changed -- '15, I believe, we
changed our policy and said we
are not going to count it as
actually used until it closes.
Because it's an accounting
nightmare.
MR. JACKSON:
I'm actually talking about
the list of guarantee loans on
the Accountant's Report to see
the date of that loan.
MR. BAHAM:
Oh, yeah. And that's what I'm saying, we can -- I just got
to clean the spreadsheet because there is lot of information on here that you don't want to see.

MR. JACKSON:
How much longer it's got to go to payout.

MR. BAHAM:
Okay. We've got several
and --
MR. JACKSON:
A couple of these that are on
the past due look like they may have been something we did recently. I just don't remember, but most of them $I$ don't recognize.

MR. BAHAM:
Yes. I can tell you from -because Brenda and I have looked at this recently, actually, over the next year or two -- this fiscal year, so over the next ten months, I would say, we do not have very many loans maturing. Now that's not to say that we

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will have -- won't have some that get refinanced and paid out early or they just pay it off early.

We've seen that happen over the last couple of years. They tend to need more money and refinance with another lender, so it's not unheard of, but just looking at our numbers now over the next ten months but by the end of the fiscal year I only see two that will mature, and then over the next 22 months, which would be two fiscal years, we're only looking at about maybe additional three to four, so maybe five to six loans that are scheduled to mature on time. I'm looking at a lot of 60 months, 36 months, 40 months. So we've got a lot of loans that are going to be carried out over the next 24 months that are still maturing and ongoing. But, like I said, that's not to say they couldn't
payout earlier, but $I$ can give you a full breakdown, a full list of those loans that we have the active portfolio and we'll have that for you at the next meeting if you would like.

MS . GUESS :
We'll look at the spreadsheet and -- you refer to often as to see what information you just might be interested in from that sheet because it's a lot. So --

MS. VILLA:
Yeah. I think from what I'm hearing, but perhaps he would just like some additional
information on the Accountant's report.

MR. JACKSON:
Yeah. Right.
MS. VILIA:
That way you know when the loan originated and what was the term of the loan so you can get a perspective of how far out.

MR. JACKSON :
Right.
MS. VILIA:
Yes. I think the simple
things like that.
MR. BAHAM:
Absolutely.
MR. ROY:
After loan is closed, I assume that we -- our analysis is really based on whether or not it's past due with a bank and what they report to us. Is that essentially what we key on as to whether or not it's a problem or not.

MR. BAHAM:
Right. Crystal sends out to the bank is that the end of every month or the beginning of every month.

MS. DALGO:
The end of every month I send it and there's two reports of the 30th of the prior month.

MR. BAHAM:
She has a report that she sends to every single active loan that we have. Once it closes, we give her the information and she sends it out with her regular batch to every lender that has an active loan and they mark it electronically or by hand and send it back to us if there is any concerns, and, of course, staff stays in touch with the bankers on a regular basis because when we approve these in our contingencies, looking at the one that she had today, over the first 6 to 12 months the lender is required to acquire actual, you know, working financial's from the company to make sure that they are performing accurately and then after the first 12 months I believe they are supposed to provide it on their annual basis unless the

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vendor feels that there is a need to -- like maybe something fishy or, you know, they are in danger so they will request it and send the rate and we can ask for them at any point in time.
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MR. ROY:
I was going to suggest that we don't have the staff or at least I don't think we do to conduct an independent loan review analysis. Banks do that sort of thing.

MR. BAHAM:
Right.
MR. ROY:
But you might want to ask for
the actual loan review -- they
don't review -- every bank
doesn't review every loan and all have a threshold and they do, but some of these might meet that threshold, and if they conducted
a review, that can give us some
additional information that we
might want to entertain in
contemplating whether or not our
reserve is too high or too low.
MR. BAHAM:
Right. In looking at it in the past we've always thought that 25 percent was comparing -just in the SSBCI program
comparing us to every other state that's out there that did a guaranteed program, which was well over 30 some odd participants around the country, us and the State of Oregon, and I believe California but California got about one hundred times more money than we did, but Oregon is more comparable in the type of program that they had and the history that they had, but us and Oregon were the most aggressive with the 25 percent set aside. The vast majority of other states were setting aside at least 50 and sometimes dollar for dollar
at one hundred percent, so they weren't even leveraging their money, so we felt 25 percent was
kind of stretching it, and
looking at our losses, this not having any to date, it seems like we could have gone down to maybe 15 percent and still have been fine.

MR. ROY:
Just food for thought.
MR. BAHAM:
Absolutely.
MS. VILLA:
Yeah. Good conversation.
MR. ROY:
Any other questions,
comments? Hearing none, $I$ will entertain a motion to accept the Accountant's Report. Motion to accept as presented.

MR. JACKSON :
Second.
MR. ROY:
Any discussion? Any comments
from the public? Hearing none,
all in favor, aye.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
Aye.
MR. ROY:
All oppose, nay. Without objection. Okay. President's report, Ms. Mitchell.

MS . MITCHELL:
All right. Good morning everyone. Since our July meeting

LED has had some additional
exciting project wins that $I$ want
to share with everyone here
today. In July, we -- Governor
Edwards partnered with Methanex
to announce that the company is
going to make a \$1.3, \$1.4
billion dollars capital
investment to construct their third methanol plant in Geismar. Actually, not the company third, but a third methanol plant in Geismar, so the project will create in Geismar three plants

> with a cumulative capital
investment of more than 2.5
billion dollars. This particular project is going to create 62 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of $\$ 80,000$.

## Also in July, we partnered

 with the House of Raeford Farms to announce two projects in two different parishes. One in Bienville Parish, the other in Lincoln. So Governor Edwards partnered with the House of Raeford Farms' CEO Bob Johnson on these announcements, so in Bienville Parish the company is going to expand the chicken processing operation to upgrade its facilities in Arcadia and Gibsland. The company is going to invest $\$ 5.8 \mathrm{million}$ in building modifications and new equipment, and the project will create 105 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of\$24, 000 .
Also, House of Raeford announced an investment of $\$ 40.9$ million in a new feed mill in Simsboro, Louisiana up in Lincoln Parish. So this facility will be capable of producing 12,500 tons of chicken feed weekly doubling the capacity of an older mill in another part of the state. This project is going to create 13 new jobs with an average salary of $\$ 41,000$, and we will -- the company is going to retain 36 existing jobs, so a lot of excitement going on on the project wins front.

I have some also exciting news. Drum roll. Superbowl trophy $x$ as Secretary Pierson Calls it, Business Facilities Magazine ranked LED FastStart the number one workforce training program in the country for the 10th consecutive year in a row,
so we are doing something right
here in LED and here in
Louisiana, and we try our best to tout all of the positives that we
have going on in the state. So
that is very exciting for our
team at LED FastStart.
A couple of other
announcements from a programmatic
front. Opportunity zones is all
the buzz nowadays. It's a
federal program that was designed
to incentivize private investment
to be directed into low income
communities around the state with
hopes of attracting economic and community development, so LED has
been very proactive in -- with
this program and partners with
our local officials and our
community and economic developers
and insuring that they are aware of the program, that they
understand how to take advantage of the program, so in that
spirit, we have teamed up with
KPMG. We are hosting next week with KPMG opportunity zones workshops in three parts of the state. On Tuesday, August 13 we'll be in Ruston at the Lincoln Parish Library. On Wednesday we'll be in Alexandria at the Holiday Inn Alexandria downtown.

And then on Thursday we'll be
here in Baton Rouge at the water campus, so August, 13, 14 and 15, each workshop is from 9 a.m. to 1
p.m. So if anyone here has an
interest in learning about
opportunity zones whether you
have a project or know someone
who has a potential project for this or if you are on the investment side and interested in making an investment into an opportunity zone project it's an excellent opportunity to learn about that program.

Also I want to share with you
that next Tuesday, August 13th, Governor Edwards will be making a special announcement about a new program that we have launched for Veteran owned businesses and businesses owned by spouses and businesses owned by active or reserve military, so that is next Tuesday at the National World War II Museum at 12:30 p.m. From 12:30 to 2 we will be there.

That's a very special announcement $I$ want to share with everyone.

And then lastly as $I$ close, I want to acknowledge some special guests. I saw Secretary Pierson try to sneak in, but Secretary Pierson is here with us today as well as Larry Collins who heads up our Office of International Commerce bringing to us the foreign direct investment that we enjoy in Louisiana making us Number one per capita in foreign
direct investment, so thank you,
Larry. Thanks for being here.
And we have Larkin Simpson here
with from CLEDA, the Central
Louisiana Economic Development
Authority, which is LED's
partner, regional partner for
central Louisiana part of the
state. So thank y'all for being
here. And that concludes my
report, Mr . Chairman.
MR. ROY:
Thank you. Very good. Any
other business? All right.
Hearing none, $I$ will enter a
motion to adjourn.
MS . MITCHELL:
So move.
MR. ROY:
Adjourn. Second.
MR. SIMPSON:
Second.
MR. ROY:
Any oppose, nay. Comments
from the public, perhaps? We're

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