

July 18, 2012

Economic & Industrial Development
Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Randell Fletcher.

Attendance was taken; all members were present.

Minutes of the June 14, 2012 Economic and Industrial Development District meeting were read and approved.

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting was made by Klark Hataway, seconded by Don Arnold.

Yeas – 5 Nas – 0 Absent - 0

Discussed members' experiences at Town Council meetings discussing each municipality joining the Economic Development District. Colfax, Creola, Dry Prong and Montgomery are in favor of joining the Economic Development and intend on taking the necessary actions to join the District defined in Act 688.

Motion was made by Britton Carroll and seconded by Winston Roberts to adopt resolution consenting to the inclusion of the Grant Parish municipalities who have taken the necessary actions outlined in Act 688, which allows them to become a part of the District.

Yeas – 5 Nas – 0 Absent - 0

Motion was made by Don Arnold and seconded by Klark Hataway to amend the agenda.

Yeas – 5 Nas – 0 Absent - 0

Discussed passing a resolution requesting that LDOTD keep the bridge located on LA Hwy 524 open.

Each member of the District was given a “draft” brochure which was created for the Grant Parish Economic and Industrial Development District for distribution. The District concluded that there is a need for marketing the Parish outside of the Parish. Britton Carroll suggested lobbying in Baton Rouge to establish new businesses in the Parish. The District directed Darrell Glascock to introduce Ed Stewart with contacts from Louisiana Economic Development (L.E.D.).

Discussed entrance signs to be installed on major roadways entering into the Parish. A mock-up of the sign was shown to the District.

Discussed the law that is currently in place specifying that only residential garbage should be placed in the Grant Parish dumpsters by residents of Grant Parish. The District feels that the law needs to be adjusted, as many individuals own camps, vacation or hold family functions in Grant Parish.

Don Arnold discussed bringing new businesses, such as Family Dollar, The Dollar General, Fred's, etc. into Georgetown.

Discussed the possibility and benefits of the Town of Colfax taking over the Civic Center located in Colfax.

Discussed the weir located on Bayou Darrow and the importance of having it restored.

Winston Roberts motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Britton Carroll.