

# Baker Main Street Economic Development District Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, August 11, 2025  
**Time:** 4:00 PM  
**Location:** Baker City Fire Station  
3701 Groom Rd.  
Baker, LA, 70714

## 1. Call to Order, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

## 2. Swearing-In Ceremony

Myra Victor Harris was sworn in as a member of the Baker Main Street Economic Development District Board. Judge Kirk Williams performed the swearing-in.

## 3. Roll Call

### Board Members Present

| Name               | Role           |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Cedric Murphy      | President      |
| Lisa Bradley Hunt  | Vice President |
| Michelle Woods     | Board Member   |
| Myra Victor Harris | Board Member   |

### Absent

Willie Williams, Treasurer  
Kermit Johnson, IV, Secretary

## 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Vice President, Shaelisa Bradley Hunt
- **Second:** Michel Woods
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **5. Presentation – Baker Overlay District Project with Villavaso and Associates**

**Introduction of Speakers:** Dante Bidwell, Lead Consultant

**Presentation:** Stephen Villavaso and Fred Neal, Jr.

- Overview of overlay districts, including project background, goals, and process were discussed, including:
  - Review of existing plans and data collection (land use, zoning, permits, environmental data).
  - Community engagement and public meetings.
- The overlay district will provide additional land use and design standards for targeted corridors.
- The project is in early to mid stages, with a draft plan and recommendations expected by December 2025.
- Board members asked about types of overlay districts, priorities, and how to engage property owners.
- Discussion on the need for a unique theme/identity for Baker, distinct from neighboring cities.
- Emphasis on aligning the overlay district with the city's vision and master plan.

## **6. Public Comment**

One attendee expressed appreciation and willingness to contribute ideas as we progress the overlay district project.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55p.m.