

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 |
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| 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.