

Evangeline Economic Development Authority

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025

SOLACC - Ville Platte Campus

1. **Call to Order:** 5:58 PM- **Chair:** Opal Andrus
2. **Roll Call:** All members present except Raquel Manuel
3. **Invocation & Pledge:** Delivered by Joey West
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
5. **Industry Presentation- Speaker:** Pastor Kevin Lalonde, Our Savior's Church
 - a. Pastor Lalonde shared his background, including his transition from nursing to ministry. He introduced his wife and spoke about their three children. The new church will be located in the former Dirt Cheap building and is expected to open in December.
6. **Executive Committee Report- Presented by:** Liz Chatelain
 - a. Provided updates on the development of the EEDA's website and Facebook page.
7. **Finance Committee Report- Presented by:** Eric Fontenot
 - a. Gave an overview of 501(c)(3) status and plans to consult a CPA to determine the best classification for the organization.
8. **New Business & Discussion:**
 - a. Opal Andrus will explore inviting Representative Rhonda Butler to a future meeting.
9. **Communications Committee Report:**
 - a. The committee discussed the possibility of involving a local high school in managing the EEDA's digital presence. Liz requested a clear list of expectations for student involvement. A basic website template was suggested to guide student contributions.
10. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Brandi Vidrine shared information about a new business serving individuals with special needs.
11. **Adjournment:**
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Liz Chatelain, Meeting adjourned by Chair Opal Andrus at 7:14 PM