



Evangeline Economic Development Authority
Meeting Summary – August 14, 2025
The Hatchery – Ville Platte, LA

The EEDA held its regular monthly meeting on August 14 at The Hatchery, with all commissioners present. The meeting location was changed last minute from the previously announced venue due to emergent issues at that site. Chair Opal Andrus presided.

Representative Rhonda Butler provided a legislative update and shared information on national and state-wide rural development initiatives, commending the board for its work.

The Finance Committee reported the board voted to contract Casey Ardoin with the firm of Kolder Slaven & Co., for filing annual tax returns for the last fiscal year, ending on June 30, 2025.

The Communications Committee reported that rebranding and logo design will be tabled until grant funding is confirmed.

The board announced that the DRA SPG application has been submitted with over 50 letters of support and is awaiting feedback.

The EEDA Board announced that it had confirmed with the Evangeline Parish Police Jury that the Jury voted to require the EEDA's collaboration with the Industrial Development Board in the negotiation process for a PILOT with Invenergy for the Royal Road Solar Project in Mamou.

CLECO representative Connor Bradford, CLECO's representative for Economic Development in Evangeline Parish, introduced himself as a contact for future projects.

The meeting adjourned with the next regular meeting set for September 11, 2025.