



Evangeline Economic Development Authority
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2025
SOLACC - Ville Platte Campus, Conference Room (C.B. Coreil)
1124 Vocational Dr., Ville Platte, LA 70586

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 PM-**Chair:** Opal Andrus
2. **Roll Call- Secretary:** Raquel Manuel
 - a. **Present:** Opal Andrus, Eugene Burge, Liz Chatelain, Eric Fontenot, Raquel Manuel, Joey West, Jason Fontenot
 - b. **Absent:** Michael Anderson, Maggie Eades, Brian Ardoin, Krista Vidrine
3. **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Eugene Burge.
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Motion by Eric Fontenot, seconded by Eugene Burge; unanimously approved.
5. **Industry Presentation:**
 - a. Representative Rhonda Butler submitted a congratulatory letter to the board for its accomplishments during its inaugural year. Rep. Bulter informed the Board that the state legislature has approved a funding expenditure to EEDA to support EEDA.
6. **Executive Committee Report Presented by:** Liz Chatelain
7. **Finance Committee Report- Chair:** Eric Fontenot
 - a. Presented the monthly balance sheet. Discussed registering as a 501(c)(3) organization with the IRS.
8. **Communications Committee Report:**
 - a. Ongoing work to draft an organizational logo and identify vendors for website development.
9. **Continuing Business:**
 - a. Discussed the DRA proposal. Grant Application Committee was established, chaired by Liz Chatelain, to assess feasibility.
10. **New Business:**
 - a. None
11. **Public Comments:**
 - a. None
12. **Adjournment:**
 - a. Motion by Raquel Manuel, seconded by Liz Chatelain; meeting adjourned.