



Evangeline Economic Development Authority
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025
SOLACC - Ville Platte Campus

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 PM **Chair-** Opal Andrus
2. **Roll Call: Secretary-** Raquel Manuel
3. **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Motion by Joey West, seconded by Jason Fontenot; unanimously approved.
5. **Industry Presentation:**
 - a. None
6. **Executive Committee Report:** Secretary- Raquel Manuel
 - a. Provided a strategic planning update, including a presentation by Dr. Geoff Stewart from UL and the LITE Center, highlighting available grant opportunities for the EEDA.
7. **Finance Committee Report:** Chair- Opal Andrus
 - a. The Evangeline Parish Police Jury awarded a \$2,000 grant to support the EEDA. Additional contributions received from Paul's Meat Market and Seth Norris CPA.
8. **Motion to Extend CPA RFP Deadline:**
 - a. Due to tax season, Jason Fontenot moved to extend the CPA RFP deadline by 60 days. Seconded by Eugene Burge; unanimously approved.
9. **Communications Committee Report:** Committee Chair- Maggie Eades
 - a. Currently developing social media pages and website. Further priorities will be established as funding is secured.
10. **Continuing Business:**
 - a. **Bylaw Amendments:** Motion to approve the bylaw amendments as presented in the previous meeting. Motion by Joey West, seconded by Maggie Eades; unanimously approved.
11. **New Business:**
12. None



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13. Public Comments:

a. None

14. Adjournment: 6:27 PM

15. Motion by Jason Fontenot, seconded by Mike Anderson; unanimously approved.