



Evangeline Economic Development Authority
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2025
SOLACC - Ville Platte Campus

1. **Call to Order:** 6:06 PM Chair- Opal Andrus
2. **Roll Call:** Secretary- Raquel Manuel
3. **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Motion by Eric Fontenot, seconded by Eugene Burge; unanimously approved
5. **Industry Presentation:**
 - a. **Speaker:** Deanna Toliver, Louisiana Workforce Commission
6. **Executive Committee Report:** Vice Chair- Liz Chatelain
 - a. Summary of the Executive Committee Report reviewed.
 - b. Announced that all agendas, minutes, and meeting notices are available on the Louisiana Board and Commissions website.
7. **Finance Committee Report:** Finance Chair- Eric Fontenot
 - a. Final steps underway to establish a bank account.
 - b. RFPs sent to local CPAs.
 - c. Determining if a formal audit is legally required.
 - d. Recognized local support from businesses and municipalities, including:
 - o City of Ville Platte, Evangeline Bank and Trust, Village of Turkey Creek, Mamou Canal, Bieber Farms Crawfish, SOLD Realty, Mamou Rotary, Village of Pine Prairie
8. **Communications Committee Report:** Committee Chair- Maggie Eades
 - a. Tabled for next month.
9. **Continuing Business:**
 - a. **Bylaw Amendments:** Updates submitted for approval in April.
 - i. **Motion:** Brian Ardoin moved to table the bylaws until April, seconded by Mike Anderson; unanimously approved.
10. **New Business:**
 - a. **Letter of Support for Ville Platte Fire Department:**



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- Fire Chief Chris Ardoin presented on the history of the 70-year-old fire station and the department's role in lowering insurance costs within a 5-mile radius. Plans for a \$4,000,000 modern facility at a new site on Main Street were discussed. The department seeks FEMA infrastructure grant support which requires letters of support.
- **Motion:** Liz Chatelain moved to submit a letter of support, seconded by Krista Vidrine; unanimously approved.

11. Public Comments:

- a. **Dr. Gwen Fontenot:** Suggested the communications committee consider designing an organizational logo.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Liz Chatelain, seconded by Eric Fontenot; unanimously approved.