Minutes of July 31st, 2026
ODDD Board Meeting

Board Meeting
Date and Time: July 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: 5367 I-49 S. Service Road
Opelousas, LA 70570

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Pledge and Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. ODDD Business Recognition Program: Douglas Pellerin – Allstate Insurance
5. Public Comments – Limit to 3 Minutes
6. Approval of June 26, 2026, Meeting Minutes
7. Monthly Financial Report
8. **Old Business:**
   a) Vacant Structures Ordinance Update- Lance Ned
   b) M&M Associates –ConnectLA/South Park Community Center Update
   c) South Park Project Update- Chris Rideau and Mayor Julius Alsandor
   d) 2026 BIG Grant Program Update
   e) Introduction of an ordinance expanding the boundaries of the Opelousas Downtown Development District Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana (the "TIF District") and extending the levy of the existing sales tax of the TIF District into the expanded boundaries
   f) A resolution authorizing the publication of a Notice of Intention to amend the geographical boundaries of Opelousas Downtown Development District Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana, and to extend the levy and collection of an existing 1% Sales and Use Tax into the expanded geographical boundaries, in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection therewith
9. Board Member Comments
10. Adjourn

The following members were present in person: Lena Charles, Don D'Avy, Sarah Branton, Ogden Pitre, Rob Hillard

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The following members were absent: Stephen Daste, Pat Fontenot

The following SLED members were present: Janece Riser, Victoria Mott, Brittany Cretchain

The following guests were present: Steven Picou, Bobby Ardion, Grasshopper Mendoza, Brylan Green

Chairwoman Lena Charles welcomed the board and guests, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer at 9:19 AM.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

ODDD Business Recognition Program: Chairwoman Lena recognized Douglas Pellerin Allstate as the ODDD Business of the Month for July 2026.

Public Comments: Ogden Pitre introduced Brylan Green.

Approval of June 26, 2026, Meeting Minutes: Don D'Avy made a motion to accept the June 26th, 2026, meeting minutes with the necessary corrections. Stephen Daste seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Ogden Pitre made a motion to amend the agenda to include The City of Opelousas Request under New Business. Sarah Branton seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

Monthly Financial Report: Stephen Daste presented the financial update, including a review of the balance sheet and revenues and expenditures through June. Pat Fontenot made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Sarah Branton seconded the motion, and it carried without objection.

OLD BUSINESS

Vacant Structure Ordinance Update: Lance Ned was not in attendance to give an update.

Community Center Update- M&M Associates: Purvis Morris provided an update on the construction project, noting that significant progress has been made.

South Park Project Update: Chris Rideau nor Mayor Alsandor were in attendance to give an update.

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2026 BIG Grant Program Update: Sarah Branton reported that 11 applications were fully funded and 1 that was partially funded. The awardees are as follows:

Board Member Comments:

Adjournment: With no further business to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ogden Pitre and seconded by Rob Hillaird. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Secretary Stephen Daste

Chairperson Lena Charles