

St. Tammany Parish Development District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
MINUTES
June 20, 2019

President Bill Davis called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm. Quorum and roll call were established by members present.

Present: Bill Davis, Mike Gambrell, Al Hamauei, Bruce Javery, Bill Newton, Dr. William Wainwright

Absent: Rhonda Bagby, Scott Day, Oscar Hernandez, Marty Mayer, and Mike Tillman

Staff: Chris Masingill, Sharon DeLong, Elizabeth Lee

Legal Counsel: Mark Balkin, Hardy, Carey, Chautin, & Balkin

Guests: None

Public Comment Period

None

New Business

Ron Davis, Branch Manager of Blue Bell Creameries Distribution Center in Slidell spoke of the company's beginnings from a group of local businessmen in Brenham, Texas who decided to establish the Brenham Creamery Company and make butter from excess cream brought in by area farmers. A few years later, the creamery began making ice cream and delivering by horse and wagon. In 1930 the company changed its name to Blue Bell Creameries after the native Texas bluebell wildflower. Butter was produced until 1958 when Blue Bell began to focus full time on making ice cream.

Today the company has grown to fifty-nine distribution centers in twenty-one states across the southern U.S. Due to its great location and proximity to the interstate highway system, the Slidell distribution center was opened in 1991. The center has a staff of thirty-six employees and services the area from the Greater New Orleans region (south) to the Tangipahoa parish line (west) to Gulfport (east) and to near Hattiesburg (north).

The group was treated to ice cream at the end of the tour.

Announcements

Next Meeting is 3:30 pm, Thursday, July 18th

General Business Meeting; Education & Information Briefing

- o PILOT Programs (*continued*) – David Wolfe

Dr. Wainwright left the meeting at 4:30 pm.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon DeLong, Manager of Administration