

Baker Main Street Economic Development District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 12, 2026

Time: 4:11 PM

Location: Baker City Hall
3325 Groom Rd.
Baker, LA 70714

1. Call to Order, Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Board President Cedric Murphy who led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Board Member	Role	Present
Cedric Murphy	President	Yes
Willie Williams	Treasurer	Yes
Michel Woods	Member	Yes
Myra Victor-Harris	Member	Yes
Shaelisa Bradley-Hunt	Vice President	Yes
Adrienne Conrad	Member	Yes
Kermit Johnson IV	Secretary	Yes
Quorum confirmed.		

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **Motion to Adopt:** Willie Williams
- **Seconded By:** Michel Woods
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion of Overlay District Recommendations

Overlay District Recommendations

- Develop new zoning and development standards for the Main Street corridor that incentivizes a coordinated design vision for Main Street and supports people-scale and resilient infrastructure along the corridor.

- Approve dedication of sales tax to support the work of the Main Street EDD and new infrastructure investment in the corridor.
- Prioritize Infrastructure and Utility Upgrades within the EDD by directing EDD revenues and coordinated capital funding toward targeted improvements to water, wastewater, drainage, lighting, sidewalks, and access management along the Main Street corridor.
- Establish an EDD Incentive and Reinvestment Program to encourage redevelopment, façade improvements, and infill development along the corridor.
- Implement Access Management and Multimodal Safety Improvements (in coordination with East Baton Rouge Parish and DOTD) including access management strategies, shared driveways, internal circulation, and pedestrian and bicycle safety enhancements along the highway corridor.

Additionally

6. Next Steps for the BMSEDD

Discussed messaging at Council meeting where EDD sales tax is on the agenda. Additionally, talked through the need for an introductory event for the area businesses to meet the BMSEDD Board to learn our purpose, objectives, and how we can work together going forward. Called for a special meeting the following week to coordinate schedules and plan an event.

7. Public Comment

Commentor spoke on the importance of forward-thinking planning for the economic future of the city, and emphasized the value of potential grant opportunities for existing businesses, especially given the age and condition of some buildings in the district.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **4:45 PM**.

- **Motion to Adopt:** Kermit Johnson
- **Seconded By:** Michel Woods
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously