



**JEDCO Executive Committee**  
**December 15, 2022 @ 8:30 A.M.**  
**JEDCO Administration Building - Boardroom**  
**700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m.

**Attendance:** Vice Chairman Larry Katz, Jimmy Baum, Lloyd Clark, Joe Ewell, Josline Frank, Leshia Freeland, Teresa Lawrence, Jim Martin, Mayra Pineda, Stephen Robinson, Gene Sausse

**Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks

**Absences:** Tom Gennaro

**Attorney:** None

**Guests:** Cate Creed, Adams and Reese

**I. Call to Order – Vice Chair Larry Katz**

- **Approval of Board absences for today** – Josline Frank motioned, seconded by Leshia Freeland to excuse Tom Gennaro. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of minutes for November 17, 2022** – Stephen Robinson motioned, seconded by Joe Ewell to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

There were no comments.

**III. Unfinished and New Business**

- **A resolution approving a Subaward Agreement with the Greater New Orleans Development Foundation for food & beverage incubator planning and other services totaling \$25,000 via a subaward from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and authorizing its execution by JEDCO's President & CEO – Annalisa Kelly**  
Mayra Pineda motioned, seconded by Stephen Robinson to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO 2022 Final Amended Budget– Cynthia Grows**  
Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to approve the amended budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Executive Employment Agreement – Larry Katz**  
Vice Chair Larry Katz stated that the officers met with Jerry Bologna to review and discuss the renewal of Jerry’s three-year employment agreement and the officers believe the new employment agreement will bring Jerry more in-line with his peers. The three-year employment agreement was made available for the Board of Commissioners to review. Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Gene Sausse to approve the three-year employment agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Nominating Organization(s) to continue serving as a nominating entity for appointments to the JEDCO Board of Commissioners – Jerry Bologna**  
JEDCO bylaws stat that the Executive Committee shall review the status of each Nominating Organization set forth in the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-875.9 (“Nominating Organization”) upon the completion of each Commissioner’s term. If a majority of the Executive Committee determines in its sole discretion that a Nominating Organization has not held a regular business meeting for six (6) consecutive months, or for two (2) consecutive quarters (if meetings are held quarterly), the Nominating Organization shall be considered dormant. If a Nominating Organization is considered dormant, the Executive Committee may recommend to the Parish Council that the Nominating Organization be replaced or be deemed ineligible to continue serving as a Nominating Organization.

The following organizations have Commissioners whose terms are expiring:

- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana (Mayra Pineda)
- Westbank Business and Industry Association (Anthony DiGerolamo)
- Metairie Business Development District (Barry Breaux)
- Apartment Association of Greater New Orleans (Michael Kraft)
- New Orleans Metropolitan of Realtors (Lesha Freeland)

Upon review of the required documents, Josline Frank motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to approve the above named organizations as eligible to continue serving as a Nominating entity for the JEDCO Board of Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. **Monthly Financial Report**

- **November 2022 – Cynthia Grows**  
Gene Sausse motioned, seconded by Joe Ewell to defer the November 2022 Financial Report to the January 2023 meeting.

#### V. **President and CEO Report – Jerry Bologna**

- Peoples Health committed to becoming an EDGE Investor in 2022 at the \$5,000 level.

- Jerry introduced new staff member Bryan Ontario. Mr. Ontario will serve as the Strategic Initiatives & Research Specialist.
- Commissioner Jimmy Baum was recognized for having Perfect Attendance for the 2022 JEDCO Executive Committee meetings and for the 2022 quarterly Board of Commissioners' meetings.
- Jerry expressed sincere appreciation to those Commissioners whose terms are expiring in January 2023. He thanked them for their service and their support of JEDCO's initiatives; Mayra Pineda, Anthony DiGerolamo, Barry Breaux, Michael Kraft, and Lesha Freeland.

**VI. Other Updates or Comments from the JEDCO Board of Commissioners**

Vice Chairman Larry Katz expressed his appreciation of all JEDCO staff, commending them for their outstanding work and dedication to JEDCO.

**VII. Adjournment** – Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Teresa to adjourn the meeting.



**Lawrence Katz**

**JEDCO Chairman**

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