

**JEDCO Board of Commissioners**  
**February 26, 2015**  
**8:40 A.M.**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order** 8:40 a.m.

**Attendance:** Jimmy Baum, Mario Bazile, David Colvin, Bruce Dantin, Tina Dandry-Mayes, Joe Ewell, Brian Heiden, Steve LaChute, Bruce Layburn, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Mayra Pineda, Paul Rivera, Mike Rongey, Stan Salathe

**Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Cynthia Grows, Jessica Lobue, Alberto Queral, Corinne Pritchett, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks

**Absences:** Jim Garvey, Greg Jordan, Mark Madderra

**Attorney:** Ruth Walker – Parish Attorney’s Office

**Guests:** Michael Hecht – Greater New Orleans, Inc.  
Jeff Simno – Parish President’s Office

**I. Call to Order & Chairman Comments – Paul Rivera**

• **Approval of Board Absences**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to excuse the above named absences; seconded by Lynda Nugent-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval of JEDCO Executive Committee Minutes for January 29, 2015**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Bruce Dantin. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval of JEDCO Board Retreat Minutes for January 29, 2015**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Bruce Layburn. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Acknowledge Outgoing Commissioner and Swear-in New Commissioner**

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and JEDCO staff, Jerry expressed sincere appreciation and presented a small momento to David Colvin for serving on the Executive Committee, Finance Committee and By-Laws Committee. Mr. Colvin served on the JEDCO Board from November 2009 to February 2015, representing the Jefferson Chamber-West Bank.

Jerry also welcomed Brian Heiden as the new Commissioner. Mr. Heiden will be representing the Jefferson Chamber-West Bank. Parish Attorney, Ruth Walker, officiated the swearing in.

- **GNO, Inc. Updates – Michael Hecht, President & CEO**

Mr. Hecht briefed the Board on some of GNO Inc.'s recent initiatives. He announced that CopaAirlines would service the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport beginning in June 2015; CopaAirlines will reach 71 destinations in 30 countries. Mr. Hecht also provided an overview of *The Budget vs. The Economy – Understanding the Present, Protecting the Future*.

## **II. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Paul Rivera**

- **Appointment to Finance Committee**

Joe Liss motioned to appoint Brian Heiden to the JEDCO Finance Committee; seconded by Mario Bazile. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Adoption of JEDCO's 2015 Strategic Operating Plan – Jerry Bologna**

Mike Rongey motioned to adopt the 2015 Strategic Operating Plan as submitted; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2014 – Cynthia Grows**

The compliance questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana quasi-public agencies. The questionnaire was presented to the Board for approval. Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the completed questionnaire; seconded by Mike Rongey. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of resolution authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the CEA between JEDCO and the City of Gretna – Jerry Bologna**

Amendment No. 1 extends the CEA for a second year, beginning on April 1, 2015 and expiring March 31, 2016, and the allocation of \$25,000 for the agreement. Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the resolution; seconded by Bruce Layburn. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. Financial Report – Cynthia Grows**

- Mayra Pineda motioned to accept the report as presented; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. Executive Director Report – Jerry Bologna**

- **The Jefferson EDGE 2020 Update** – The six-month contract/consulting services agreement with GCR, Inc. has been executed. GCR's services will include crafting an updated, refocused *Jefferson EDGE* with a five-year scope. GCR is currently working on a baseline assessment with review of existing plans, clusters, etc. GCR will conduct a staff-level strategic planning session in late March, and in mid-April will host four (4) stakeholder meetings and fifteen (15)

civic group meetings in an effort to collect feedback on priorities. GCR will present a draft of the plan to the stakeholders, Board of Commissioners and Council members. GCR will make a total of 20 presentations once the plan is finalized.

- **Permitting Update** – Significant changes have been made and the permitting committee had far fewer concerns. The most recent study focusing on the Parish’s permitting process revealed more online training is still needed. JEDCO offered its facility for training sessions for the *My Permit Now* software.
- **Delgado Update** – Since the parameters of the survey and appraisal have changed, the framework for a purchase agreement cannot be presented to the Board for approval at this time. Delgado’s bonds have been approved and they want to start construction this summer.
- **Audit** – Most of the audit is complete and the JEDCO Audit Committee will be meeting soon to review.

**V. Public / Other Comments**

None

**VI. Adjournment** Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to adjourn; seconded by Bruce Layburn. The motion passed unanimously.



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**Mario Bazile**

**JEDCO – Secretary**

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