



# JEDCO

**JEDCO Executive Committee**  
**June 29, 2017, 8:30 A.M.**  
**JEDCO Boardroom, Administration Building**  
**700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094**  
**MINUTES**

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

**Attendance:** Jimmy Baum, Mario Bazile, Josline Frank-Gosserand, Brian Heiden, Teresa Lawrence, Bruce Layburn, Mark Madderra, Mayra Pineda, Stephen Robinson, Paul Rivera

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

**Absences:** Mickal Adler, Lloyd Clark, Bruce Dantin, Joe Ewell

**Guests:** Chancellor Joan Davis – Delgado  
Vice Chancellor Stanton McNeely – Delgado  
Pattie Ross - Delgado

**I. Call to Order – Chairman, Bruce Layburn**

Chairman Layburn opened the meeting by welcoming the above named guests and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Amending the Agenda** – Motion made by Jimmy Baum and seconded by Mario Bazile to amend the agenda to include “Authorize President/CEO to sign letter of support for continued funding of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act”. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Board absences** – Mayra Pineda motioned to excuse the above named absences. The motion was seconded by Stephen Robinson and passed unanimously.
- **Approval of request to be excused from May 25, 2017 meeting** – Mayra Pineda motioned to excuse Matt Gibson from the May 25, 2017 quarterly Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Baum and passed unanimously.
- **Approval of JEDCO minutes for May 25, 2017** – Jimmy Baum motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Mayra Pineda. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Presentation of Delgado Strategic Plan** – Following introduction by Chancellor Joan Davis, Vice Chancellor Stanton McNeely presented the Delgado 2017-2021 Centennial Strategic Plan. Vice Chancellor McNeely asked the Board to provide feedback to six questions that are part of the ongoing development of the plan. The plan addresses Louisiana’s workforce; the workforce population and skill alignment to high-demand job openings. According to LED Workforce Gap Analysis, 18,444 additional Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) graduates are needed every year to fill high-demand job openings.

**II. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

**III. Unfinished and New Business**

- **Authorize President/CEO to sign letter of support for continued funding of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act – Jerry Bologna**  
The letter to President Donald J. Trump urges him to reconsider one recommendation in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget submission that would seriously jeopardize his goals and ours in Louisiana. The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act provides the only consistent source of federal funds dedicated to combat Louisiana’s land loss crisis. This source of revenue is critical for the communities and businesses that rely on a stable Louisiana coastline to survive and grow. The letter respectfully requests that President Trump withdraw his Administration’s FY 2018 proposal to repeal funding to the Gulf States currently mandated by law under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA).

Mark Madderra motioned to authorize JEDCO’s President/CEO to sign the letter of support for continued funding of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Baum and passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Budget – Cynthia Grows**  
Mayra Pineda motioned to approve the 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Budget; seconded by Mario Bazile. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and among JEDCO, the Jefferson Parish Special Services District of the Parish of Jefferson, and Select Comfort Corporation, relative to an economic development incentive payment to be made from the proceeds of a Special Economic Development Millage – Lacey Bordelon**  
Select Comfort Corporation, a publicly traded company, announced its decision to establish a center in Jefferson Parish where it will create 225 full-time jobs at an annual average starting salary of \$30,000, plus benefits. Through the CEA, the Parish is offering to remit an incentive to the company of up to \$158,330 over a three-year period to cover a portion of the company’s cost of furnishing and

equipping the center. Proceeds of the Economic Development Millage would serve as the source of funds for the incentive payments. Jefferson Parish proposes to transfer the funds to JEDCO who will administer the disbursement of the incentive payments based on the company's fulfillment of Job creation benchmarks.

Mario Bazile motioned to authorize the execution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; seconded by Mayra Pineda. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Monthly Financial Report**

• **May 2017 – Cynthia Grows**

Teresa Lawrence motioned to accept the report as presented; seconded by Mario Bazile. The motion passed unanimously.

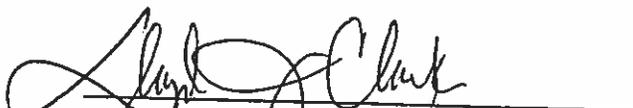
**V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna**

- Jerry introduced Jennifer Lapeyrouse, JEDCO's new Finance Manager. Jennifer is in the process of reviewing a number of loans to take to the Finance Committee in July.
- Select Comfort was very pleased to have the local incentive and use of the JEDCO Conference Center for the job fair this week. Expecting to offer 135 jobs during the three-day job fair.
- JEDCO continues to work with the Port of New Orleans while they negotiate for additional space at Avondale.
- JEDCO's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson Performing Arts Center. JEDCO is seeking sponsors to offset the cost of the event.

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

Chairman Layburn briefed the Commissioners on the impact of impending changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which could negatively impact the stability of the program. The proposals included in the package of bills could make flood insurance unaffordable for homeowners, stall real estate markets, and threaten development and construction in our region. Chairman Layburn plans to send a letter to the JEDCO Board to sign on to, which asks for amendments to the bills before they receive consideration by the full House.

**VII. Adjournment – Stephen Robinson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mario Bazile. The motion passed unanimously**



**Lloyd J. Clark**  
JEDCO Secretary

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