



JEDCO Board of Commissioners
May 26, 2022 @ 8:30 A.M.
700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094

MINUTES

Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Vice Chairman Tom Gennaro, Jimmy Baum, Kenny Bertucci, Barry Breaux, Lloyd Clark, Anthony DiGerolamo, Joe Ewell, Michael Fahrenholt, Brian Heiden, Jim Hudson, Larry Katz, Michael Kraft, Jim Martin, Stephen Robinson

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Janet Galati, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks, Kate Wendel

Absences: Mickal Adler, Josline Frank, Lesha Freeland, Teresa Lawrence, Mayra Pineda, Gene Sausse, Floyd Simeon,

Attorney: None

Guests: Todd Tournillon – Richard CPAs
Dr. Sarintha Stricklin and Paula Polito – Jefferson Ready Start Network

I. Call to Order – Chairman Tom Gennaro

- At the request of JEDCO staff, Chairman Gennaro asked for a motion to remove the following item from the agenda: *Resolution in support of a grant application to the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) and Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) grant programs to fund roadway infrastructure in Churchill Park.* Joe Ewell motioned, seconded by Jim Hudson to remove the item from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Board absences for April 28, 2022 and for today, May 26, 2022**
Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Jim Hudson to excuse Gene Sausse from the April 28th meeting, and to excuse the following absences for today: Mickal Adler, Lesha Freeland, Teresa Lawrence, Mayra Pineda, and Gene Sausse. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of minutes for April 28, 2022**

Stephen Robinson motioned, seconded by Barry Breaux to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Presentation by Jefferson Ready Start Network – Dr. Sarintha Stricklin and Paula Polito**

Dr. Stricklin and Ms. Polito provided an overview of the Jefferson Ready Start Network, stating the JRSN is directed by a coalition of thought partners who are committed to creating and implementing a bold local vision in which all children from birth to age five in Jefferson Parish have access to early childhood experiences that will prepare them to succeed. Dr. Stricklin stated that 90% of brain development occurs before age 5 and it is critical for children to have high-quality early care and education to help ensure the youngest children are ready for success in school and life.

II. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments.

III. **Unfinished and New Business**

- **Approval of the JEDCO 2021 Financial Audit Report – Todd Tournillon**

Todd Tournillon, with Richard CPAs, presented the JEDCO 2021 Financial Audit Report as of and for the year ending December 31, 2021. The presentation included component units for Forward Jefferson Corporation (FORJ) and JEDCO Development Corporation. At the conclusion of the presentation, Jim Martin motioned, seconded by Larry Katz to approve the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Monthly Financial Report**

- **April 2022 – Cynthia Grows**

Joe Ewell motioned, seconded by Jimmy Baum to approve the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

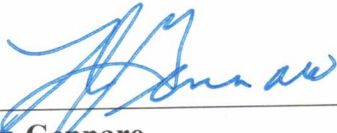
V. **President and CEO Report – Jerry Bologna**

- Regarding the item removed from today's agenda, Ms. Annalisa Kelly explained that JEDCO no longer needs to have a board resolution to authorize JEDCO to apply for a grant because Jefferson Parish agreed to be the applicant rather than JEDCO. Ms. Kelly will forward to the Parish the mostly completed grant application documents and grant program guidelines for their review and submission to the Delta Regional Authority.
- Mr. Bologna met with the transition team for City of Kenner's Mayor-elect, Mike Glaser, and provided the history of the last Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between JEDCO and the City of Kenner. The transition team will discuss and make a recommendation back to the Mayor-elect to negotiate.
- Avondale Marine/T. Parker Host recently announced they currently have 250 employees at the Avondale site and have plans to hire 50 more this year.

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

There were no other comments or updates.

VII. Adjournment – Jim Hudson motioned, seconded by Stephen Robinson to adjourn the meeting.



Tom Gennaro

JEDCO Chairman

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