



**JEDCO Board of Commissioners  
August 26, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.  
Video Conference/Teleconference  
MINUTES**

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

**Attendance:** Chairwoman Teresa Lawrence, Mickal Adler, Jimmy Baum, Kenny Bertucci, Barry Breaux, Lloyd Clark, Anthony DiGerolamo, Joe Ewell, Michael Fahrenholt, Josline Frank, Lesha Freeland, Tom Gennaro, Brian Heiden, Larry Katz, Michael Kraft, Keith Merritt, Tricia Phillipott, Mayra Pineda, Stephen Robinson, Gene Sausse, Floyd Simeon

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

**Absences:** None

**Attorney:** Reed Smith, Jefferson Parish

**Guests:** Kevin Willis-Taylor & Willis CPAs, Walt Leger- Southern Rail Commission

**I. Call to Order – Chairwoman, Teresa Lawrence**

- **Roll Call** – The above-named Commissioners attended the meeting.
- **Approval of agenda items – In accordance with Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session relating to video conference/teleconference meetings, agenda items shall be time-sensitive and critical to the continuation of the business of the public body.**  
Gene Sausse motioned, seconded by Larry Katz to approve the agenda items. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Board absences for today, August 26, 2021** - There were no absences.
- **Approval of Minutes for July 29, 2021** – Tom Gennaro motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Vision, status, and next steps for passenger rail between New Orleans and Baton Rouge – Walter Leger, Southern Rail Commission**  
**Reestablishing high-quality passenger rail service between Baton Rouge and**  
Mr. Leger, provided an overview which included the following:
  - Passenger rail in the New Orleans region is a priority project for the State of Louisiana. This service would connect the major population, employment, social and cultural centers and support the continued

economic growth of the southeast Louisiana Super Region which includes more than 2.2 million people and nearly 1 million jobs.

- The project envisions twice daily trips with stops in Baton Rouge downtown and the Health District in Baton Rouge, Gonzales, LaPlace, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and the Union Passenger Terminal next to the Superdome in New Orleans
- Parishes along Rail Corridor have received grant funding from the SRC for planning for station stops. Those stations can now begin construction using federal grant funding such as CRISI, TOD/RIFF, REHAB, and Opportunity Zone funding.

## II. Unfinished and New Business

- **Resolution authorizing the President and CEO to execute Amendment #2 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO) and Jack and Jerri Stumpf to provide works of art on long-term loan to JEDCO as a promised gift. – Scott Rojas**

Josline Frank motioned, seconded by Mayra Pineda to approve the resolution authorizing Amendment #2 to the CEA. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between JEDCO, Jefferson Parish, and the City of Westwego pertaining to the 2021-2024 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition grant – Annalisa Kelly**
- Mickal Adler motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution authorizing a subaward to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) for services under the 2021-2024 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition grant and the execution of a contract between JEDCO and the RPC for such services – Annalisa Kelly**

Mayra Pineda motioned, seconded by Tom Gennaro to approve the resolution authorizing a subaward and execution of a contract with the Regional Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

## III. Monthly Financial Report

- **July 2021 – Cynthia Grows**

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

## IV. President and CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- Fuji Vegetable Oil began rolling out their first trucks from the new processing facility this week. JEDCO provided tax incentive guidance and LED offered a competitive incentive package to attract the company to Jefferson Parish.
- Staff continues to meet with other companies seeking to move to Jefferson Parish from other parts of the region.

- Tim Coulon and Todd Murphy have announced they plan to resign. JEDCO has enjoyed a great partnership with the JBC and the Jefferson Chamber under their leadership.

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

**VI. Adjournment** – Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Gene Sausse to adjourn.



**Larry Katz**  
JEDCO Treasurer

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