



**JEDCO Executive Committee**  
**September 26, 2019 8:30 A.M.**  
**JEDCO Administration Building**  
**700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094**

## MINUTES

- Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m.
- Attendance:** Mickal Adler, Jimmy Baum, Mario Bazile, Lloyd Clark, Lesha Freeland, Tom Gennaro, Teresa Lawrence
- Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks
- Absences:** Bruce Dantin, Roy Gattuso, Brian Heiden, Stephen Robinson
- Attorney:** Reed Smith – Jefferson Parish Attorney’s Office
- Guests:** Clair Marceaux – District Director for Cameron Parish Port

### **I. Call to Order – Chairman, Lloyd Clark**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting by welcoming guests and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Approval of Board absences for today, September 26, 2019** – Jimmy Baum motioned, seconded by Mickal Adler to excuse the above named absences. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of minutes for August 29, 2019** – Lesha Freeland motioned, seconded by Mario Bazile to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) update – Claire Marceaux**  
Ms. Marceaux explained that under the Mineral Lands Leasing Act, 50 percent of the mineral funds generated from federal lands onshore are shared with the host state with no cap on the revenue shared with the host state. By contrast, only 37.5 percent of Gulf of Mexico offshore mineral revenues are shared with Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama combined, and the four states are capped at a total of \$375 million of sharing annually. Because of this inequitable treatment, Ms. Marceaux encouraged the Board to consider a resolution in support of two recently introduced bills, S. 2418 and H.R. 3814; which amends GOMESA and shares more revenue with the Gulf Coast States.

## II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

## III. Unfinished and New Business

- **Resolution authorizing 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the CEA between JEDCO, State of Louisiana and Jefferson Parish School Board – Jerry Bologna (Deferred from August 29, 2019)**

The final element of the original proposed project for Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy, an 18,000 square-foot multi-purpose event center, remains to be constructed. The project is ready to bid, and an additional \$6,000,000 cash line of credit state capital outlay has been approved. The CEA's budgetary documents for the project must be amended for an eighth time to reflect this new funding as well as a recent bond sale on previously allocated funds.

Mr. Bologna noted, the last line of the resolution shall be amended to read: "The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019." Mickal Adler motioned, seconded by Mario Bazile to approve the resolution as amended, which authorizes the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the CEA. The motion passed unanimously.

## IV. Monthly Financial Report

- **August 2019 – Cynthia Grows**

Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to approve the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, JEDCO and Delgado will host a Manufacturing Summit at the Delgado River City Site & Advanced Manufacturing Center. Keynote, LED Deputy Secretary Brad Lambert, will present on the current state of manufacturing in Louisiana.
- The JEDCO Nominating Committee will meet in October to choose the winner of the 2019 Small Business of the Year. The winning company will be recognized at the JEDCO 2019 Annual Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners were encouraged to submit nominations before October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- At the October 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee meeting, JEDCO staff will present to the Board a resolution in support of amending GOMESA.
- JEDCO received three RFPs for a three-year contract for JEDCO's audit services for years ending December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021. The Audit Committee will meet to make a selection for recommendation to the Board for approval.
- In early September, Jerry and Chairman Clark joined a Louisiana delegation for an international business exchange event in Bogota, Columbia. The event provided an opportunity to develop business connections with Columbia leaders, learn about economic strategies implemented by the country to enhance their global competitiveness and explore synergies between Columbia and Louisiana.

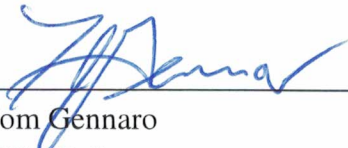
- JEDCO staff, along with GNO, Inc., will host a Familiarization Tour for six site selectors visiting the region October 23 thru October 25. Stops in Jefferson Parish will include Sleep Number, Avondale, and a Fireboat Tour from Avondale to Port of New Orleans.

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

None

**VII. Adjournment** – Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Tom Gennaro to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.



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Tom Gennaro

JEDCO Secretary

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