



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

I. Call to Order – Chairwoman, Teresa Lawrence

- Roll Call
- Welcome Guest
- 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.
- Approval of Board absences for today, August 26, 2021
- Approval of Minutes for July 29, 2021
- Vision, status, and next steps for passenger rail between New Orleans and Baton Rouge – **Walter Leger and John Spain, Southern Rail Commission**

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**
- 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**
- 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**

III. Monthly Financial Report

- July 2021 – **Cynthia Grows**

IV. President and CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

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

VI. Adjournment

In accordance with Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session, a written certification regarding this video/teleconference meeting is attached to the agenda.

Public Access via Teleconference

- The public is asked to notify Scott Rojas by email srojas@jedco.org no later than **7:30 a.m. on August 26, 2021**. Please provide in the email your full name and the telephone number you plan to call from.
- The public is asked to join the teleconference meeting by 8:20 a.m. After a quorum of the Board is present, the public will be admitted to the meeting. **Dial in using the following: 929-205-6099 or 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 824 0771 7361**
- All members of the public will be muted, and if they have a question or wish to be recognized for public comment on an agenda item, shall use the Zoom Message feature to send a private message to the Meeting Host with their question or that they wish to be recognized. The Meeting Host (and/or any co-hosts) will keep a list of questions and persons wishing to be recognized, and will assist the presiding officer in recognizing those persons on each item, in the order of their request.

In accordance with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), JEDCO and Jefferson Parish will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities. If you require auxiliary aids or devices or other reasonable accommodation under the ADA, submit your request to the ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting or as soon as possible. Advanced notice is required for ASI Certified Interpreters. Should you have any concerns, please contact: ADA Coordinator, Scott Rojas, 700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094 (504) 875-3908 or email: srojas@jedco.org Any person, who believes he or she has been subject to unlawful discrimination by JEDCO, the Parish, any Parish officer or employee based on past or current disability, or his or her association with a person with a disability, may submit the grievance, in writing, to JEDCO's designated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, contact information above.

Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District

Video and/or Telephone Conference Meeting

Presiding Officer Certification

Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session enacted La. R.S. 42:17.1., amending the Open Meetings Law to provide an exception for allowing meetings to be held over video or telephone conference during a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency. On July 21, 2021, the Governor renewed the public health emergency (Proclamation Number 131 JBE 2021), stating: *“Despite the success of the mitigation measures and adoption of vaccines in helping to beat back the third surge of COVID-19 in the state, the escalating prevalence of the Delta variant in the state has resulted in a significant increase in cases and hospitalizations, with the state giving up all of the progress made since mid-February. A Statewide public health emergency is declared to continue to exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of the continued threat posed to Louisiana citizens by COVID-19, the effects of which continue to threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the state.”*

As the presiding officer of the public body, Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO), I deem holding the **August 26, 2021** meeting as normal in person is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public. I hereby certify that matters on the attached **August 26, 2021** agenda are time-sensitive and critical to the continuation of the business of the public body, and therefore, call for the meeting to be held over video and/or telephone conference.



Teresa Lawrence, Presiding Officer