



JEDCO Executive Committee
October 31, 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, Joe Ewell, Leshia Freeland, Roy Gattuso, Tom Gennaro, Teresa Lawrence, Stephen Robinson
- Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Scott Rojas, Robert Taylor, Penny Weeks
- Absences:** Bruce Dantin, Brian Heiden
- Attorney:** Reed Smith – Jefferson Parish Attorney’s Office
- Guests:** None

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Lloyd Clark

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

- **Approval of Board absences for today, October 31, 2019**

Jimmy Baum motioned, seconded by Tom Gennaro to excuse Bruce Dantin. The motion passed unanimously.

Roy Gattuso motioned, seconded by Mickal Adler to excuse Brian Heiden. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of minutes for September 26, 2019**

Leshia Freeland motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Roy Gattuso. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

III. Unfinished and New Business

- **Resolution approving the execution of letters of support for S. 2418 (Conservation Of America’s Shoreline Terrain and Aquatic Life (COASTAL) Act) and H.R. 3814 (Domestic Offshore Energy Reinvestment Act of 2019), both of which expand GOMESA funding for coastal restoration activities in Louisiana and Jefferson Parish – Jerry Bologna**

Leshia Freeland motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Mario Bazile. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Monthly Financial Report

- **September 2019 – Cynthia Grows**

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

V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- On October 24th, JEDCO, in conjunction with GNO, Inc., hosted a site selector tour focusing on Jefferson Parish's assets. Stops included Sleep Number and Avondale Marine. Staff also presented the Churchill Master Plan.
- Avondale Marine update: Jerry met for a second time with two significant prospects interested in the Avondale site. Both companies are in the process of negotiating deals.
- JEDCO's Audit Committee met on October 29th to review three RFPs for JEDCO's audit services. The committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Board on November 21st.
- On behalf of the Board, Jerry provided a letter of support for a CRISI rail grant application submitted by the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation for the Gateway Rail Capacity Improvement Project.
- Annalisa presented the Story Map created by Entergy. The web-based map includes demographics of Jefferson Parish, Global Industry Leaders, Intermodal Access, Workforce, Opportunity Zones and Churchill Technology & Business Park. The map can be found at this link:
<https://etrbusinessdev.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=bbf9100e53c74193b55b09718d11e282>
- Robert Taylor was introduced and welcomed as JEDCO's new Economic Development Specialist.
- JEDCO's Finance Department and Finance Committee were acknowledged for receiving the Certified Development Companies (CDC) Diamond Award this year.
- Commissioner Teresa Lawrence was acknowledged for receiving the International Women Enterprise Council Award.

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

Ms. Lawrence provided information about the Women Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) Energy Executive Program. The training program will focus on the Energy, Oil and Gas industry to drive development of Women's Business Enterprise leaders within the energy industry supply chain. The program will be held at Shell's Training and Conference Center, October 27 – November 1.

VII. Adjournment - Roy Gattuso motioned to adjourn, seconded by Teresa Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously.



Tom Gennaro

JEDCO Secretary

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