

JEDCO

Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS August 25, 2011

Minutes

- Call to Order** 8:30 a.m.
- Attendance:** Jimmy Baum, Mario Bazile, Manny Blanco, David Colvin, Tina Dandry-Mayes, Roy Gattuso, Greg Jordan, Steve LaChute, David Martin, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Bill Peperone, Paul Rivera, Stan Salathe, Stacey Shane Schott, John Tobler
- Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Cynthia Grows, Lucien Gunter, Alberto Qeral, Scott Rojas, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks
- Absences:** Joe Ewell, Jim Garvey, Joe Liss, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Frank Trapani
- Attorney:** Mary Beth Arceneaux and John Luck
- Guests:** Mike Quigley, David Wolf, Scott Adams

I. Chairman's Comments – Manny Blanco

- **Welcome Guest**

The above guests were welcomed to the meeting.

- **Acknowledgement and Appreciation – David Andignac**

On behalf of the JEDCO Board of Commissioners and JEDCO Staff, Chairman Blanco presented a momento to Mr. Andignac and expressed sincere appreciation for his time spent serving JEDCO and Jefferson Parish.

- **Swearing-in new Commissioner – Steve LaChute**

Parish Attorney, Mary Beth Arceneaux, performed the swearing in of Steve LaChute who represents Councilman At Large Division A – Chris Roberts. Mr. LaChute will serve on the Executive Committee for 2011.

- **TACA Airlines** – Chairman Blanco, representing Jefferson Parish, was one of the delegation members who met in San Salvador to present a promotional package to TACA. Those who attended felt encouraged with the progress they made.

- **Approval of Board Absences**

Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to excuse Jim Garvey, Joe Liss, Joe Ewell, and Frank Trapani; seconded by David Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO Executive Committee Minutes for July 28, 2011**

Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Stan Salathe. The motion passed unanimously.

*Dr. Vinicio Madrigal
excused @
the 9/29/11
meeting →*

David Martin motioned to adjourn as JEDCO; seconded by Stan Salathe. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Convene as JEDCO Development Corporation – Manny Blanco

- **Approval – Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
May 26, 2011
- **Approval – Finance Committee Minutes**
April 7, 2011
May 11, 2011
June 9, 2011

Jimmy Baum motioned to approve the above Quarterly Minutes and the Finance Committee Minutes; seconded by Stacey Shane Schott. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Peperone motioned to adjourn as JEDCO Development Corporation; seconded by Lynda Nugent-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Reconvene as JEDCO

III. New and Unfinished Business

- **Approval of JEDCO 2012 Proposed Budget – Cynthia Grows**

Jimmy Baum motioned to approve the 2012 Proposed Budget; seconded by Stan Salathe. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Conduct Public Hearing and consideration of the adoption of a resolution approving a payment in lieu of tax arrangement as an incentive to the location of a Kohl's store in Kenner and providing for other matters in connection therewith – Dottie Stephenson**

Dottie called the public hearing to order and presented the Resolution and the Lease Agreement and Agreement to Issue Bonds. After details of the documents were discussed, Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to adopt the Resolution and Lease Agreement and Agreement to Issue Bonds; seconded by Bill Peperone. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing was then adjourned.

- **JEDCO building update and WWCC update – Dottie Stephenson**

Dottie briefed the Board and reminded them that the matter is now in the hands of the Parish Attorneys.

- **Adoption of Resolution concurring with the Recommendation of the Jefferson Parish Public School Board to Award Construction Contract for the Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy and Conference Center – Dottie Stephenson**

Seven sealed bids were received on August 18, 2011. Dottie asked the board to adopt the resolution concurring with the recommendation of Perez to recommend that the Jefferson Parish School Board award the lowest responsible bid to Walton Construction-A Core Company LLC, whose bid was \$27,018,000. Planning to break ground on October 1, 2011 and open the doors in the fall of 2013.

Bill Peperone motioned to adopt the resolution; seconded by Greg Jordan. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report – Lucien Gunter

- **Business Retention and Expansion Summary – Jerry Bologna**
Deferred to the September 29, 2011 meeting.
- **2011 Strategic Plan update**
Lucien will update the Board via e-mail.
- **Starr Textiles**
Deferred to the September 29, 2011 meeting.
- **Transfer Tax Campaign – Lynda Nugent-Smith**
Lynda distributed material regarding the Real Estate Tax Campaign and asked for the Board's support in getting out the message to vote "Yes" for Amendment #1 to stay tax free.

Jimmy Baum motioned to ratify Amendment #1; seconded by Roy Gattuso. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Monthly Financial Report – Cynthia Grows

- The monthly financial report was presented and forms a part of these minutes.
- Cynthia will attend the annual budget hearing with the Parish on September 22nd.

VI. Public Comments

None

Adjournment: Greg Jordan motioned to adjourn at 10:04; seconded by Lynda Nugent-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.


Lynda Nugent-Smith
JEDCO, Secretary