



## SPECIAL MEETING

**JEDCO Executive Committee**  
**September 19, 2018 2:30 P.M.**  
**JEDCO Conference Center**  
**701-A Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094**

## MINUTES

**Call to Order** 2:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Mickal Adler, Jimmy Baum, Mario Bazile, Lloyd Clark, \*Anthony DiGerolamo, Roy Gattuso, Tom Gennaro, Brian Heiden, Larry Katz, \*Michael Kraft, Teresa Lawrence, Bruce Layburn, \*Mayra Pineda (\*non-members of the Executive Committee)

**Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks

**Absences:** Stephen Robinson

**Attorney:** Reed Smith, Parish Attorney's Office

**Guests:** David Wolf, Adams and Reese LLP  
Kelsey Host, T. Parker Host  
Adam Anderson, T. Parker Host  
Jeff Keever, T. Parker Host  
Jason Gill, Hilco Redevelopment Partners  
Mike Sherman, Sherman Strategies LLC  
Miles Granderson, Sherman Strategies LLC  
Bridget Nalley, Port of New Orleans  
Cherreen Gegenheimer, Jefferson Parish Council  
Natalie Newton, Parish President's Office

### **I. Call to Order – Chairman, Jimmy Baum**

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

- **Approval of Board absences for today, September 19, 2018**  
Bruce Layburn motioned to excuse Stephen Robinson, seconded by Mario Bazile.  
The motion passed unanimously.

## **II. Public Comments on Agenda Item**

Introductions were made for those representing the Hilco Global and Host partnership, which is known as Avondale Marine LLC. Adam Anderson, of T. Parker Host, stated they have a general vision for the shipyard that they are moving forward with, but there are a lot of unknowns and massive challenges. Mr. Anderson presented steps needed to transform from shipyard to global multi-modal logistics hub with rail and deep-water docks. The steps are in two phases:

### **Phase I**

- Rail Access
- U.S. Corp of Engineers of Mississippi River
- Embankment
- Suitability for Commerce
- Adaptive reuse of structures

### **Phase II**

- Attraction of value added tenants

Upon the conclusion of the presentation and answering the Commissioners' questions, Mr. Anderson thanked the Board for their time and support.

## **III. New Business**

- **Resolution approving the form of and authorizing the execution of (i) a Memorandum of Understanding and (ii) a Lease Agreement and Agreement to Issue Bonds, and any and all additional documents and certificates deemed necessary relating to the granting of a favorable payment-in-lieu-of-tax arrangement in connection with the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the former Avondale Shipyards, and the potential issuance of taxable and/or tax-exempt revenue bonds of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District; and providing for other matters with respect to the foregoing.**

David Wolf, of Adams and Reese LLP, presented the Resolution, Memorandum of Understanding, and Lease Agreement. Mr. Wolf explained that this is an

intermediate form of the agreement and final terms will come back to the Executive Committee or the full Board for approval. After lengthy discussion, Mickal Adler motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Bruce Layburn. The motion passed unanimously.

Note: Roy Gattuso was absent during the vote.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

At 4:13 p.m., Lloyd Clark motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jimmy Baum. The motion passed unanimously.



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**Teresa Lawrence**  
**JEDCO Secretary**  
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