



JEDCO Quarterly Board of Commissioners
February 20, 2020 8:30 A.M.
JEDCO Conference Center
701-A Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094

MINUTES

Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Mickal Adler, Jimmy Baum, Kenny Bertucci, Barry Breaux, Lloyd Clark, Anthony DiGerolamo, Joe Ewell, Michael Fahrenholt, Lesha Freeland, Tom Gennaro, Brian Heiden, Larry Katz, Teresa Lawrence, Keith Merritt, Mayra Pineda, Stephen Robinson, Gene Sausse, Floyd Simone

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Lisa Cabrera, Janet Galati, Cynthia Grows, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Jessica Lobue, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks, Kate Wendel

Absences: Josline Frank, Michael Kraft, Tricia Phillpott,

Attorney: Reed Smith – Jefferson Parish Attorney’s Office

Guests: Michael Hecht – GNO, Inc.
Jeff Kever – Avondale Marine LLC
Natalie Newton – Avondale Marine LLC

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Mickal Adler

Chairman Adler opened the meeting with welcoming guests and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **Swearing-in new Commissioners and Commissioners reappointed to the JEDCO Board**

Parish Attorney, Reed Smith, performed the swearing in of two new Commissioners; Kenny Bertucci (representing the Elmwood Business Association) and Michael Fahrenholt (representing the Jefferson Chamber – West Bank). Commissioners appointed/reappointed by the Parish President and Councilmembers were also sworn in: Stephen Robinson (Parish President), Lloyd Clark (At Large Div. A), Brian Heiden (District 1), Jimmy Baum (District 2), Joe Ewell (District 3), Larry Katz (District 4), Tom Gennaro (District 5).

- **Approval of Board absences for today, February 20, 2020**
Joe Ewell motioned, seconded by Keith Merritt to excuse the above named absences. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of minutes for January 30, 2020**
Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Guest remarks by Michael Hecht, GNO, Inc.**
Mr. Hecht provided an overview of the 2019 accomplishments related to the deliverables outlined in the CEA between JEDCO and GNO, Inc., and stated that this has been a productive arrangement, helping carry out specific services and activities in Jefferson Parish. Mr. Hecht requested the Board's support in approving Amendment No. 1 to the CEA between JEDCO and GNO, Inc.

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

III. Unfinished and New Business

- **Resolution approving a one-year extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Jefferson and JEDCO for economic development and related services and providing for related matters – Lacey Bordelon**

Mayra Pineda motioned, Joe Ewell seconded to approve the resolution for a one-year extension of the IGA. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“CEA”) with Greater New Orleans, Inc. for economic development and related services contingent upon Jefferson Parish Council approval of the related Intergovernmental Agreement supporting the CEA and allocation of funds, and related matters – Lacey Bordelon**

Jimmy Baum motioned, seconded by Mayra Pineda to approve the resolution contingent upon Jefferson Parish Council's approval of the related IGA and allocation of funds. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution authorizing JEDCO to serve as the applicant on behalf of Avondale Marine LLC for State Capital Outlay funding for all or a portion of costs related to a new \$1,500,000 gate complex at the former Avondale Shipyard site and providing for related matters – Lacey Bordelon**

Lesha Freeland motioned, seconded by Mayra Pineda to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire – Cynthia Grows**

The Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government agencies. Ms. Grows presented each

Commissioner with a copy of the document. Jimmy Baum motioned, seconded by Joe Ewell to approve the document as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Nominating Committee recommendation for appointments to the JEDCO Executive Committee, Finance Committee and PILOT Review Committee**

The Nominating Committee met on January 30, 2020 and unanimously agreed to make the following recommendations:

- Appoint Gene Sausse to JEDCO Executive Committee, replacing Mario Bazile
- Appoint Michael Fahrenholt and Kenneth Bertucci to the JEDCO Finance Committee, replacing Bruce Dantin and Roy Gattuso
- Appoint Jimmy Baum to the JEDCO PILOT Review Committee, replacing Mario Bazile

Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Tom Gennaro to approve the recommendations presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution approving appointments to the JEDCO Development Corporation Board of Directors**

The Nominating Committee met on January 30, 2020 and unanimously agreed to make the following recommendation:

- Appoint Michael Fahrenholt and Kenneth Bertucci, replacing Bruce Dantin and Roy Gattuso

Keith Merritt motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to approve the recommendation presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution approving appointment to Forward Jefferson Corporation Board of Directors**

The Nominating Committee met on January 30, 2020 and unanimously agreed to make the following recommendation:

- Appoint Gene Sausse, replacing Mario Bazile

Floyd Simeon motioned, seconded by Tom Gennaro to approve the recommendation presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Monthly Financial Report

- January 2020 – **Cynthia Grows**

Tom Gennaro motioned, seconded by Lesha Freeland to approve the report as presented.

V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

None

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

None

VII. Adjournment – Teresa Lawrence motioned to adjourn, seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.



Larry Katz
JEDCO Secretary

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