

## JEDCO Board of Commissioners Meeting

November 20, 2014

8:35 A.M.

### Minutes

**Call to Order** 8:35 a.m.

**Attendance:** Jimmy Baum, Mario Bazile, Tina Dandry-Mayes, Bruce Dantin, Roy Gattuso, Greg Jordan, Steve LaChute, Bruce Layburn, Joe Liss, Mark Madderra, Bill Peperone, Paul Rivera, Mike Rongey, Stan Salathe

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

**Absences:** David Colvin, Joe Ewell, Jim Garvey, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Mayra Pineda

**Attorney:** Ruth Walker, Jefferson Parish Attorney's Office

**Guests:** Sheriff Newell Normand, Jefferson Parish  
Greg Ruppert, Jefferson Parish Bureau of Revenue and Taxation

#### I. Call to Order – Chairman, Greg Jordan

Chairman Jordan advised that the CDBG Agreement between JEDCO and Jefferson Parish will expire at the end of December. In order for the Parish Council to consider approval of a new agreement at their December 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the JEDCO Board must approve the JEDCO resolution at today's meeting. Chairman Jordan entertained a motion to amend the agenda to include: *Approval of CDBG Sub-Recipient Agreement between JEDCO and Jefferson Parish*

Motion made by Bill Peperone to amend the agenda; seconded by Mario Bazile. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of Board Absences** – Roy Gattuso motioned to excuse the above named absences; seconded by Mark Madderra. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO Minutes for October 30, 2014**

Motion made by Roy Gattuso to approve the minutes; seconded by Mike Rongey. The motion passed unanimously.

- **PILOT Program**

Sheriff Newell Normand addressed the Board to discuss his office's role as Tax Collector. Sheriff Normand encouraged JEDCO to consider the Tax Collector's expertise when considering local economic development incentives.

## **II. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Greg Jordan**

- **Approval of Nominating Committee Recommendations for 2015**

Chairman Jordan presented the Nominating Committee's report. Stan Salathe motioned to approve the recommendations for Officers for the 2015 JEDCO Board, and to approve the recommendations for the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Incentive Fund Committee and By-Laws Committee; seconded by Roy Gattuso. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2015 Officers:**

**Chairman** – Paul Rivera

**Vice Chairman** – Mark Madderra

**Treasurer** – Bruce Layburn

**Secretary** – Mario Bazile

**Ex-Officio** – Greg Jordan

(A copy of the approved slate of Officers and Committees forms a part of the minutes.)

- **Appointment of 2015 Nominating Committee**

According to the JEDCO By-Laws, the Nominating Committee shall be made up of five members; present Chair, past two immediate Chairs and two members selected by the Board. Stan Salathe motioned to appoint Joe Ewell and Lynda Nugent-Smith; seconded by Roy Gattuso. The motion passed unanimously

- **Approval of Kenner CEA – Lacey Bordelon**

2015 will be the seventh consecutive year that JEDCO and the City of Kenner have partnered through a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Each year since 2009, the CEA was renewed by amendment and approved by JEDCO and the

Mayor of Kenner. The three-year CEA presented today allows JEDCO and the City of Kenner to enter into a new, extended agreement through which JEDCO can provide both short- and long-term economic development services to the City of Kenner beginning on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2017. The Kenner City Council will also consider approval of this CEA at their next Council meeting.

Bill Peperone motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the three-year CEA; seconded by Bruce Dantin. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of CDBG Sub-Recipient Agreement between JEDCO and Jefferson Parish – Alberto Queral**

Since January 1, 2001, JEDCO has managed a HUD-CDBG loan fund under a contractual agreement with the Community Development Department of Jefferson Parish. Amendments are issued every two years granting two-year extensions. This extension period is January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Program parameters are essentially the same under the new agreement.

Jimmy Baum motioned to approve the resolution extending the CDBG Sub-Recipient Agreement; seconded by Paul Rivera. The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. Monthly Financial Report – Cynthia Grows**

- Roy Gattuso motioned to accept the report as presented; seconded by Bill Peperone. The motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Executive Director Report – Jerry Bologna**

- **EDS update** – Lacey Bordelon provided a report of the Economic Development Services (EDS) activities, including the City of Kenner and the City of Gretna. The EDS staff met or exceeded the goals outlined in the JEDCO Strategic Operating Plan. Staff met with 137 companies, of which 49 are the parish's top employers. The report also included relevant findings from the BR&E program; i.e., employment, sales, and planned or current expansions.
- **Delgado** – Delgado has requested 15 acres for the River City Campus. JEDCO completed clearing and filling of the first 10 acres. JEDCO staff continues to review with Delgado costs associated with resubdivision of property.
- **Marketplace Fairness** – JEDCO recently signed on with GNO, Inc. to urge congressional action regarding Act S.336. Passage by the House will allow states to enforce their own laws on out-of-state online sellers. There is concern that the new Congress may keep the Act from getting through.

- **JEDCO 2014 Small Business of the Year Award** – The nominating committee selected the recipient for the 2014 Award. The winner will be announced at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luncheon.

**V. Public/Other Comments**

- Commissioner Bruce Layburn asked the Executive Director to inquire about the status of the new flood maps and the timeline for adoption since the flood maps will be beneficial to many areas of the parish. Jerry agreed to contact Michelle Gonzales, Director of Floodplain Management.
- Commissioner Mike Rongey asked the Executive Director and Board to collaborate with NOLA Motorsports on use of Churchill property for parking during special events.

**VI. Adjournment** – Stan Salathe motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mike Rongey. The motion passed unanimously.



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Bruce Layburn  
JEDCO Secretary  
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