



JEDCO Executive Committee Meeting
September 29, 2016
Minutes

- Call to Order** 12:10 p.m.
- Attendance:** Jimmy Baum, Lloyd Clark, Roy Gattuso, Brian Heiden, Bruce Layburn, Larissa Littleton-Steib, Mark Madderra, Paul Rivera, Stephenson Robinson, Stan Salathe,
- Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks
- Absences:** Mario Bazile and Joe Liss
- Attorney:** Reed Smith – Parish Attorney’s Office
- Guests:** Don Pierson – Secretary, Louisiana Economic Development
David Carter – Special Projects Manager, Louisiana Economic Development

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Mark Madderra

Chairman Madderra opened the meeting by welcoming the above named guests and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Approval of Board Absences** – Stan Salathe motioned to excuse Mario Bazile and Joe Liss. The motion was seconded by Roy Gattuso and passed unanimously.
- **Approval of JEDCO Minutes for August 25, 2016**– Stephen Robinson motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Stan Salathe. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, Don Pierson** – Secretary Pierson began by saying, “Today is a great day in Jefferson Parish.” Secretary Pierson and David Carter joined Governor Edwards this morning for the unveiling of Dyno Nobel America’s new \$850 million ammonia plant in Waggaman, and for the announcement of Delgado Community College moving forward with the construction of the River City Campus at Churchill Technology and Business Park. Pierson expressed the Governor wants a vibrant economy for Jefferson Parish and the State of Louisiana. Along with other projects in Jefferson Parish, LED continues to be actively involved in helping identify potential tenants for the Avondale shipyard site.



II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

III. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Mark Madderra

- **Resolution approving the selection of an auditing firm for three-year contract – Cynthia Grows**

On the motion of Roy Gattuso, seconded by Bruce Layburn, the Board unanimously approved a resolution approving a three-year contract with the auditing firm of LaPorte CPAs & Business Advisors for the years ending December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The total amount of the contract will not exceed \$73,500 without an amendment to the resolution.

IV. Monthly Financial Report – Cynthia Grows

- Brian Heiden motioned to approve the financial report as submitted; seconded by Jimmy Baum. The motion passed unanimously.

V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- **Review of nominating entities with terms expiring in 2016**

There are two nominating organizations whose appointments to the JEDCO Board will expire at the end of 2016: The Jefferson Chamber of Commerce-Eastbank, and the Westbank Business and Industry Association. The status of both organizations has been reviewed, and both were found to be eligible to continue serving as Nominating Organizations. Each organization will present three (3) nominees to be considered by the Parish Council for appointment to the JEDCO Board.

- **2016 Money Maker Announcement**

Commissioner Jimmy Baum was among the honorees selected by CityBusiness in its 2016 class of Money Makers. Jimmy was recognized for his financial achievements and community impact.

- **2016 Super-Region Canvas Workshop**

Jerry and other Commissioners attended the 2016 Super-Region Canvas Workshop in Panama. Workshops featured Panama's economic landscape, opportunities in trade and commerce, rapid transit, and a diverse cultural economy. Jerry said there were lessons learned and several takeaways.

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

None

VII. Adjournment Roy Gattuso motioned to adjourn; seconded by Bruce Layburn. The motion passed unanimously.



Jimmy Baum, JEDCO Secretary
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