



JEDCO Executive Committee
June 25, 2020 @ 8:30 A.M.
Video Conference/Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS' EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION – JBE 2020-59, EXECUTED MAY 14, 2020, A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION REGARDING THIS VIDEO CONFERENCE/TELECONFERENCE MEETING WAS POSTED ALONG WITH THE AGENDA. PUBLIC WAS PROVIDED WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBSERVATION AND INPUT DURING THE TELECONFERENCE.

Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Mickal Adler, Lloyd Clark, Anthony DiGerolamo, Michael Fahrenholt, Lesha Freeland, Larry Katz, Michael Kraft, Teresa Lawrence, Mayra Pineda, Gene Sausse

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks, Kate Wendel

Absences: Joe Ewell, Tom Gennaro, Stephen Robinson

Attorney: None

Guests: **Adams and Reese LLP** – David Wolf
Jefferson Parish – President Cynthia Lee-Sheng, Councilman Marion Edwards, Chief David Tibbetts, Tim Palmatier, Katherine Costanza, Gretchen Hirt
EJGH/LCMC Health – Gerald Parton, Greg Feirn, Ayame Dinkler, Christine Albert, Henry Shane, Tim Coulon, John Sartori, Bryon Stockstill, Marc Ehrhardt, Tiffany Hawken, Bill Masterton

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Mickal Adler

- **Roll Call** – The above named Commissioners attended the meeting.
- **Welcome Guest** – The above named guests were welcomed to the meeting.
- **Approval of absences for today, June 25, 2020** – Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Larry Katz to excuse the above named absences. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes for May 28, 2020** – Lesha Freeland motioned, seconded by Mickal Adler to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Presentation of East Jefferson General Hospital Proposition**

Mr. Henry Shane began the presentation by sharing the history of East Jefferson General Hospital. Mr. Shane has served on the Board of EJGH since 1971 and stated the acquisition by LCMC Health will ensure the retention of current employees and doctors, and preserve EJGH's legacy of care for Jefferson Parish.

Mr. Gerald Parton, President and CEO for EJGH, and Mr. Gregory Feirn, CEO for LCMC Health, gave an overview of the proposed sale of EJGH. The acquisition includes a commitment from LCMC Health to continue providing quality healthcare, retain all current employees, and invest \$100 million in capital improvements at EJGH over the next 5 years. On August 15, 2020, Jefferson Parish voters will decide if the acquisition passes. The JEDCO Executive Committee was encouraged to share the presentation with their nominating organizations.

- **Presentation of Millage Renewals**

President Cynthia Lee-Sheng provided information related to the proposed Solid Waste Disposal Millage Renewal (4 mils). The Solid Waste Disposal millage has been in place for almost 30 years and used for all landfill operations, capital improvements, street sweeping and emergency cleanup.

Chief David Tibbetts and President Lee-Sheng discussed the proposed Jefferson Parish Fire Department (Fire District 1) millage renewal (25 mils). This millage covers more than 90% of the total operating costs of the East Bank Consolidated Fire Department. The proposed millage renewal will also be used for acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities and equipment.

Both proposed millage renewals will be on the August 15, 2020 ballot. The JEDCO Executive Committee was encouraged to share the information with their nominating organizations.

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

III. Unfinished and New Business

- **Board position on ballot measure related to LCMC's acquisition of East Jefferson General Hospital (Deferred from May 28, 2020) – Jerry Bologna**
Jerry stated JEDCO had previously been advised that JEDCO was precluded from taking a public position on ballot measures, and until JEDCO gets clarification, this agenda item should be cancelled. Jerry also advised the Board that if he

learns JEDCO can take a public position on ballot measures, he would ask the Chairman to call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider this item. Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Mayra Pineda to cancel this agenda item. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution approving JEDCO's appointment to the Jefferson Parish Charter Advisory Board – Jerry Bologna**

Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Larry Katz to appoint Keith Merritt. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO 2020 1st Amended Budget – Cynthia Grows**

Ms. Grows presented in detail the 1st Amended Budget. After discussion, Leshia Freeland motioned, seconded by Gene Sausse to approve the 1st Amended Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution approving JEDCO's application for reimbursement of expenses incurred in response to COVID-19, as per the CARES Act, via Jefferson Parish – Cynthia Grows**

Ms. Grows explained that JEDCO incurred almost \$5,000 in expenses between March 1 and April 30, 2020 related to COVID-19. Ms. Grows asked for the Executive Committee's approval of the resolution allowing JEDCO to submit those expenses to Jefferson Parish to be included in their application for reimbursement through the CARES Act. Following discussion, Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Gene Sausse to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Monthly Financial Report

- **May 2020 – Cynthia Grows**

Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- Next week JEDCO will launch the Spend Local JP campaign to encourage residents to support their local stores. This will be a multi-tiered campaign beginning with a press release, yard signs and billboards.

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

None

VII. Adjournment – Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.



Larry Katz

JEDCO Secretary

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