

JEDCO

Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission

Executive Committee Meeting

March 28, 2013

8:40

Minutes

- Call to Order** 8:40 a.m.
- Attendance:** Mario Bazile, Jim Garvey, Greg Jordan, Bruce Layburn, Steve LaChute, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Bill Peperone, Paul Rivera, Mike Rongey, Stan Salathe
- Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Cynthia Grows, Alberto Queral, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks
- Absences:** Joe Ewell
- Attorney:** Reed Smith – Parish Attorney
- Guests:** Bill Aaron, Aaron PLC,
Tony Ligi, Jefferson Business Council
Dr. Mark Peters, East Jefferson General Hospital

I. Chairman Comments – Stan Salathe

- **Welcome Guest and Pledge of Allegiance**
Chairman Salathe opened the meeting by welcoming the above named guests and by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- **Approval of Board Absences**
Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to excuse Joe Ewell; seconded by Greg Jordan. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of JEDCO Minutes for February 28, 2013**
Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Session

Dr. Vinicio motioned to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session in the matter of “No. 723-485 - William Henry Shane vs. the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana and the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission, Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana”; seconded by Greg Jordan. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Salathe invited Jerry Bologna, Dottie Stephenson and Bill Aaron to join executive session.

III. Reconvene Regular Session - Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Stan Salathe

- **Presentation on Legislation Affecting EJGH and WJMC and Adoption of a Position – Jerry Bologna**

Dr. Mark Peters, East Jefferson General Hospital, gave a presentation on the financial situation facing the two hospital districts. Following discussion Bill Peperone motioned, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal amended the motion, “to support local and state legislation that would allow for the reorganization or lease of East Jefferson General Hospital and West Jefferson Medical Center without a referendum provided that the ‘no sale’ language remains. JEDCO will not support any legislation which allows for the sale of hospital assets without a referendum.” The motion was seconded by Greg Jordan and passed unanimously.

- **Resolution authorizing Amendment #4 to R.B. Services of Louisiana Existing Professional Services Agreement – Scott Rojas**

Scott presented Amendment #4 and explained that another extension to the existing agreement with R.B. Services of Louisiana is needed so that JEDCO’s janitorial services are not interrupted while Jefferson Parish and /or JEDCO rebid the service contract. Amendment #4 extends the termination date from March 31, 2013 to July 31, 2013. Bill Peperone motioned to approve Amendment #4; seconded by Lynda Nugent-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Close-out status of WWCCI Contract – Dottie Stephenson**

The most recent meeting resulted in JEDCO and WWCCI agreeing to Change Order #8 and an amount in liquidated damages. WWCCI was asked to provide a service contract for the HVAC system. JEDCO has not received a response to that request.

IV. Executive Director Report – Jerry Bologna

- **Prospects update – Jerry Bologna**

- **Starr Textile** – The JEDCO Finance Committee and the Small Business Association have approved the loan for Starr Textile. This is the largest SBA-504 loan in the history of JEDCO.

- With an Air Permit pending, **Dyno Nobel** recently held a public hearing and was met with no opposition.

- Represented by U.S. Consults, **Project Benefits** is looking for a location in Jefferson Parish and seems to be interested in space at The Galleria.

- **Cordina Challenge – Jerry Bologna and Kelsey Scram**

The JEDCO/Cordina Challenge was held March 19th during New Orleans Entrepreneur Week. Four companies participated, with the winning pitch from Billy Bosch – Be Well Nutrition. The prize package (cash and services) was a little over \$53,000 - Jerry said that given the short time to plan the event, JEDCO exceeded its own expectations for the first year and is looking forward to next year. Kelsey presented a video featuring all four companies.

- **2012 EDS Annual Report and the City of Kenner 2012 EDS Annual Report**

Danielle and Lacey presented the 2012 EDS Annual Reports; highlighting the results of the Business Retention and Expansion Program, site searches and incentives applicants. An electronic copy of the report will be sent to each Commissioner.

Jerry announced that April 12th will be Danielle's last day working with JEDCO and Lacey will be promoted to Director of EDS, effective April 1. Currently reviewing resumes for the Kenner EDS position.

- **100 Day Review – Jerry Bologna**

Jerry presented a review of his activities from January 1, 2013 to present. He stated that the first 100 days had been very productive.

V. Financial Report – Cynthia Grows

- **Monthly Financial Report**

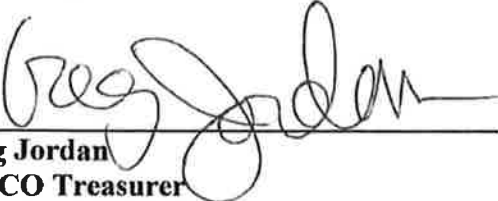
Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to accept the report as presented; seconded by Greg Jordan. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public / Other Comments

None

VII. Adjournment

Greg Jordan motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.



Greg Jordan
JEDCO Treasurer
(Minutes April 9, 2013)