Constitution and Bylaws of the

JACKSON PARISH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization is the JACKSON PARISH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

ARTICLE 2. ORGIN

The Jackson Parish Industrial District was created by the Louisiana Legislature at the request of the Jackson Parish Police Jury which is the governing authority of the district. Act 246 of the 2008 Louisiana Legislature enabled the creation of Revised Statute 39:551.10. The powers and authority of the district are defined in RS 39:551.2.

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE

Creation of the Industrial District was requested by the Jackson Parish Police Jury for the purpose of promoting economic development within the parish. RS 39:551.1 authorizes the creation to encourage the location of or addition to industrial enterprises within the parishes.

ARTICLE 4. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Jackson Parish Industrial District is to retain businesses, create jobs, help companies to expand and develop their workforce, and identify opportunities to bring new companies into Jackson Parish.

ARTICLE 5. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS

The district shall be governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. Each member of the board shall be a resident and qualified voter of the district during his term of office.

Act 56 of the 2009 legislature specifies that the board be composed of the mayor of the town of Jonesboro and six individuals appointed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury. One of the appointed members shall be a member of the Jackson Parish Police Jury.

The mayor of the town of Jonesboro and the member appointed from the Jackson Parish Police Jury shall serve during their term of office. After initial terms, the length of term for all other appointees shall be four years. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS/ELECTIONS

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other positions may be created to ensure the effective operation of the organization by a majority vote of the commissioners. In keeping with RS 39:551.2, the parish treasurer shall serve as the treasurer of the district. The treasurer shall not be a member of the board of commissioners unless duly appointed by the Jackson Parish Police Jury.

Officers shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting of the year. The dates, time, and place for meetings shall also be established; however, the Board retains the right to change meeting dates, times, and places to meet its needs and those of the public.

The fiscal year of the Board shall match that of the Jackson Parish Police Jury which is January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE 7. VACANCIES/REMOVAL

(RS 39:551.10) Any vacancy in the membership of the board of commissioners occurring either by reason of the expiration of the term or by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, and in the same manner as the original appointment.

Any appointed member of the board may be removed for cause by the appointing authority.

By-laws

1. Established the first Thursday of March and the first Thursday in September as meeting dates. (9/3/2009)
2. Mission Statement adopted (9/3/2009).

 Our mission is to work for retention of businesses, create jobs, help companies to expand and develop their workforce, and identify opportunities to bring new companies into Jackson Parish.

1. Position of Vice-president established (9/17/2009).
2. The treasurer of the district is authorized to pay recurrent monthly bills as they become due. (5/13/2010)
3. Quorum redefined as a simple majority (4) of the Board. (8/11/2010)