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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Minutes**

**February 24, 2011**

**Call to Order** 8:30a.m.

**Attendance:** David Andignac, Jimmy Baum, Manny Blanco, David Colvin, Tina Dandry­ Mayes, Joe Ewell, Jin1 Garvey, Mark Jacobs, Jonathan Lin, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, David Martin, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Bill Peperone, Paul Rivera, Stan Salathe, Stacey Shane Schott

**Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Cynthia Grows, Lucien Gunter, Lindsey Jones, Corinne Pritchett, Alberto Queral, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks

**Absences: Attorney:**

Greg Jordan, Joe Liss, John Tobler, Frank Trapani

John Luck

**Guests:** Deborah Foshee, Jennifer VanVrancken, Mel Lamp, Lillie Bowman

**I. Chairman's Comments -Manny Blanco**

• **Welcome Guest**

The above named guests were welcomed to the meeting.

• **Approval of Board Absences**

Joe Ewell motioned to excuse Greg Jordan and Joe Liss, \*John Tobler;

seconded by David Martin. The motion passed unanimously. (\*Amended on March 31,2011 to include John Tobler)

• **Approval of Minutes for January 27,2011**

David Martin motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Dr. Vinicio

Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

***Adjourn u· JEDCO***

**II. Convene as JEDCO Development Corporation -Manny Blanco**

• **Approval- Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

November 18,2010

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval - Finance Committee Minutes**

November 15, 2010

David Andignac motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Lynda Nugent­ Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

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***Adjourn as JEDCO Development Corporation*** -David Martin motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Convene as Forward Jefferson Corporation- Lynda Nugent-Smith**

• **Approval of Minutes January 27,2011**

Jim Garvey motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval of Change Order #1 to the FORJ/Kass Brothers Contract**

On December 16, 2010 the FORJ Board approved a resolution to enter into a contract with Kass Brothers for the construction of the circular driveway and additional landscaping for the new JEDCO building at Churchill Tech Park. The bid specifications did not include some necessary storm drainage work that was originally part of Alternate #3. Kass Brothers' proposal for the drainage work is $4,550. After applying a $3,500 credit to FORJ for cancellation of the builder's risk insurance policy which is not needed on a project of this size and scope, the amount of Change Order#1 is a net increase of$1,050.

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve Change Order **#1;** seconded by Jim

Garvey. The motion passed unanimously.

***Adjourn as Forward Jefferson Corporation -Jim Garvey motioned to adjourn;***

***seconded by Stan Salathe. The motion passed unanimously.***

***Reconvene as JEDCO***

**IV. New and Unfinished Business**

• **Stained Floor at New JEDCO Building**

Chairman Blanco led the discussion regarding the poor stained concrete finish at the new JEDCO building. Lucien and Joe Ewell confirmed that the floors had a very poor quality stained fmish. Due to the urgency of needing carpet installed before fumiture was to be delivered, Lucien authorized carpet to be ordered in the amount of $13,340. Staff will present a change order to include this item for the Board's official action at a future meeting.

Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to approve, with reservation, the funding for carpeting to cover the stained floors; seconded by Bill Peperone. The motion passed unanimously.

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• Approval of Change Order #1 to the FORJ/Kass Brothers Contract On December 16,2010 the FORJ Board and the JEDCO Board approved companion resolutions to enter into a contract with Kass Brothers for the construction of the circular driveway and additional landscaping for the new JEDCO building at Churchill Tech Park. The bid specifications did not include some necessary storm drainage work that was originally part of Alternate #3. Kass Brothers' proposal for the drainage work is $4,550. After applying a $3,500 credit to FORJ for cancellation of the builder's risk insurance policy, which is not needed on a project of this size and scope, the amount of Change Order #1 is a net increase of$1,050.

David Andignac motioned to approve Change Order #1; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

• Approval of Agreement between JEDCO and Beverly Construction

CompanyLLC

Dottie presented the resolution and requested the Board's approval of the contract with Beverly Construction LLC to clear and grub approximately 3 acres around the retention pond in the Churchill Technology & Business Park at a cost of$3,300 per acre.

David Andignac motioned to approve the resolution; seconded by Lynda Nugent-Smith. The motion passed with 15-Yeas, 0-Nays, and David Colvin abstained.

• Approval of Resolution Authorizing CEA with the City of Gretna Jerry asked the Board to approve the resolution which authorizes the CEA between JEDCO and the City of Gretna. For the sum of $25,000 from the City of Gretna, JEDCO will provide enhanced economic development services as outlined in Exhibit-B of the CEA.

Bill Peperone motioned to approve the resolution; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed with 15-Yeas, 0-Nays, and David Colvin abstained.

V. Executive Director Report- Lucien Gunter

• GNO, Inc. Meeting, February 7 1

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In late January, Lucien and Jerry met with Michael Hecht ofGNO, Inc. to discuss specific deliverables for Jefferson Parish to justify the $90,000 from the Parish. Within 2 days, Michael provided Lucien with an impressive list of deliverables.

On February 7, 2011, President Young advised Lucien, Henry Shane and Jim Hudson that he would seek a council resolution authorizing the parish's contribution to GNO, Inc. for 2010.

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• **Legis]ators Meeting, February 11th - David Andignac**

At a recent luncheon the Governor suggested that Jefferson Parish might improve its effectiveness in the legislature if it identified its top priorities. On February 11th, JEDCO hosted a meeting with the legislators and business and civic leaders to discuss narrowing down the list of priorities from the Green Book to three at the most. The idea of appointing a plan leader to the Legislative Delegation was also discussed.

• **Annual Professional Golf Tournament- April 26th**

Lucien announced that the Economic Summit III will be held again during the annual PGA Zurich Classic Tournament on April 26th. Lucien asked for the Board's approval of a $1,000 sponsorship. Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to approve the sponsorship; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Benson Towers Update**

Jerry Bologna and Lucien are working with President Young, Lee Giorgio,

Joe Rault and Ashton Ryan seeking some relief to the consequences resulting from the state's decision to award the Benson Towers to Tom Benson.

**VI. Financial Report- Cynthia Grows**

• The monthly Financial Report was presented and forms a part of these minutes.

**VII. Public Comments**

• None

**Adjournment-** Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to adjourn at 9:50; seconded by

Lynda N gent-Smith. The motioned passed unanimously.

**Stan Salathe**

**JEDCO -Treasurer**

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