



**JEDCO Board of Commissioners
May 28, 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 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, Jimmy Baum, Kenny Bertucci, Barry Breaux, Lloyd Clark, Anthony DiGerolamo, Joe Ewell, Michael Fahrenholt, Josline Frank, Lesha Freeland, Tom Gennaro, Brian Heiden, Larry Katz, Michael Kraft, Teresa Lawrence, Tricia Phillpott, Mayra Pineda, Floyd Simone

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Lisa Cabrera, Janet Galati, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Jessica Lobue, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks, Kate Wendel

Absences: Keith Merritt, Stephen Robinson, Gene Sausse

Attorney: None

Guests: David Wolf – Adams and Reese LLP
Todd Tournillon – Richard CPAs

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Mickal Adler

- **Roll Call** – The above named Commissioners were present for the meeting.
- **Approval of Board absences for today, May 28, 2020** – Lesha Freeland motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to excuse Keith Merritt and Stephen Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes for April 30, 2020** – Joe Ewell motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Presentation of East Jefferson General Hospital Proposition** – The presentation was deferred to June 25, 2020.

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 – Jerry Bologna**
Tom Gennaro motioned, seconded by Lloyd Clark to defer to the June 25, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of JEDCO 2019 Financial Audit Report – Cynthia Grows**
Mr. Todd Tournillon with Richard CPAs presented an executive summary of the 2019 Financial Audit Report, covering financials related to JEDCO, JEDCO Development Corporation and Forward Jefferson Corporation. Upon approval by the Board, the report will be submitted to the Legislative Auditor by June 30, 2020.

Lesha Freeland motioned, seconded by Michael Kraft to approve the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Ratification of Letter of Support – Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020 (H.R. 6563) – Jerry Bologna**
On behalf of the JEDCO Board of Commissioners, a letter of support was sent on May 13, 2020 to the Louisiana Congressional Delegation regarding H.R.6563. This bill would appropriate \$2 billion for an Emergency Connectivity Fund, administered through the Federal Communications Commission's E-Rate program, for schools and libraries to support distance and remote learning for millions of students without home internet access for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Larry Katz motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence to ratify the letter of support regarding H.R.6563. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Monthly Financial Report

- **April 2020 – Cynthia Grows**
Mayra Pineda motioned, seconded by Joe Ewell to approve the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.


V. President & CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- In addition to JEDCO's core body of work, staff is busy generating press, hosting and participating in COVID related webinars. Additional webinars related to PPP are in the planning process.
- Because of the dedication and creativity of the JEDCO finance team, JEDCO is ranked as the #1 CDC agency in Louisiana. JEDCO's finance team recently secured a \$1.3 million EDA grant. Details related to the application process and guidelines for funding will be released soon. Jerry announced the Finance Department will soon hire a Business Development Officer and Jennifer Lapeyrouse was promoted to Director of Finance.

- JEDCO staff, Kate Wendel and Janet Galati, were recognized for their involvement in the success of the Dat Desk project, and for encouraging the Rotary Club of Westbank to evolve their economic development grants to support businesses facing hardship due to coronavirus.
- Along with GNO, Inc. and LED, JEDCO continues to negotiate with new business prospects desiring to locate in Jefferson Parish.

VI. Other Updates or Comments from the JEDCO Board of Commissioners
None

VII. Adjournment – Josline Frank motioned, seconded by Mayra Pineda to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.


Larry Katz
JEDCO Secretary
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