

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 28, 2011 MINUTES

Call to Order 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Mario Bazile, Manny Blanco, Joe Ewell, Jim Garvey, Lynda Nugent Smith, Bill Peperone, Stan Salathe,

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Cynthia Grows, Lucien Gunter, Alberto Queral, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks

Absences: Roy Gattuso, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, David Martin

Attorney: John Luck

Guests: Mark Jacobs, Dr. Jim Meza, Sharon Casserie, Cherreen Gegenheimer, Jennifer VanVrancken

I. Chairman Comments – Manny Blanco

- **Welcome Guest**

The above named guests were welcomed to the meeting.

- **Acknowledgement and Appreciation – Mark Jacobs**

On behalf of the JEDCO Board of Commissioners and JEDCO Staff, Chairman Blanco presented a momento to Mr. Jacobs and expressed sincere appreciation for his time spent serving JEDCO and Jefferson Parish.

- **Interim Superintendent – Dr. Jim Meza**

Dr. Meza gave an update on some of the most critical issues in Jefferson Parish Schools and discussed changes that must take place to improve our public education system.

- **Swearing-in new Commissioner: Mario Bazile – Appointment to Executive Committee by Parish Ordinance for District 5**
Parish Attorney, John Luck, performed the swearing in of Mario Bazile who represents Jefferson Parish District 5, by motion of Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng. Mr. Bazile will serve on the Executive Committee for 2011.
- **International Economic Development Council Award**
Chairman Blanco shared with the Board that Jerry Bologna had been selected as this year's recipient of the New Economic Development Professional of the Year award. The award recognizes Jerry as a young, emerging leader of outstanding achievements in the economic development profession.
- **GNO, Inc. Report**
GNO, Inc.'s efforts to expand Economic Development in the Region will include attending a meeting in Brazil and a mission in El Salvador. Chairman Blanco plans to attend the meetings in Brazil.
- **Approval of Board Absences**
Stan Salathe motioned to excuse Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, David Martin and Roy Gattuso; seconded by Bill Peperone. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of JEDCO Executive Committee Minutes for June 30, 2011**
Joe Ewell motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Lynda-Nugent Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn and convene as Forward Jefferson Corporation

II. Forward Jefferson Corporation – Lynda Nugent-Smith

- **Approval of Minutes for June 30, 2011**
Joe Ewell motioned to approve the minutes; second by Manny Blanco. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Resolution approving Change Order #2 to Kass Brothers Contract – Dottie Stephenson**
Dottie presented the resolution for Change Order #2 which increases the amount of the contract from \$136,310.0 to \$140,469.70 (increase of \$4,159.70).

Bill Peperone motioned to approve the resolution approving Change Order #2; seconded by Manny Blanco. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of IRS Form 990 – Income Tax Return – Cynthia Grows**
Cynthia introduced Sharon Casserie with Postlethwaite & Netterville, who presented the 2009 and 2010 IRS Form 990.

Jim Garvey motioned to approve the 2009 Form 990 with amendments regarding Page 9, item 11a, under Miscellaneous Revenue and approve the 2010 Form 990 as submitted; seconded by John Tobler. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn and reconvene as JEDCO

III. New and Unfinished Business – Chairman, Manny Blanco

- **Approval of Resolution approving Change Order #2 to Kass Brothers Contract – Dottie Stephenson**

Dottie presented the companion resolution to FORJ for Change Order #2 which increases the amount of the contract from \$136,310.00 to \$140,469.70 (increase of \$4,159.70).

Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to approve the resolution approving Change Order #2; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of Resolution approving Janitorial Professional Service Agreement- Cynthia Grows**

JEDCO solicited qualifying Jefferson Parish firms through RFPs. Bids were reviewed July 19, 2011 and R.B. Services of Louisiana L.L.C. was selected. The Board was asked to approve the Professional Services Agreement for R.B. Services of Louisiana L.L.C. whose contract is not to exceed \$45,000.00

Bill Peperone motioned to approve the resolution; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of Amended 2011 Budget – Cynthia Grows**

Jim Garvey motioned to approve the Amended 2011 Budget; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Nominating Committee's recommendations for:**
 Representing the Nominating Committee, Joe Ewell reported the recommendations as follows and ask the Board to approve:
 Lynda Nugent-Smith – Secretary (replacing Jonathan Lin)
 Bill Peperone – Finance Committee (replacing David Andignac)
 Joe Liss – Audit Committee (replacing David Andignac)
 Lynda Nugent-Smith – Nominating Committee (David Andignac)

Jim Garvey motioned to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations; seconded by Stan Salathe. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report – Lucien Gunter

- **Woodrow Wilson update**
 Lucien and Dottie met several times with the officers regarding issues remaining unsettled with Woodrow Wilson Construction Company. Unable to resolve these issues, JEDCO has been forced to seek legal assistance. The matter is now in the hands of Parish Attorneys, Deborah Foshee, John Luck and Jacques Molaison.
- **Huntington Ingalls – Jerry Bologna**
 Jerry reported that Huntington Ingalls currently employees 4,100; 60% reside in Jefferson Parish. Even though the focus is to keep Hunting Ingalls operating in Jefferson Parish, we must also focus on re-employment for those affected by layoff. 150-200 are expected to be laid off each month.
- **NOLA Motorsports – Jerry Bologna**
 There are 13 buildings currently under construction. Sections of the track are expected to be open in mid-August. The club house to be completed by the end of the year. JEDCO brokered meetings between NOLA Motorsports and Fore Kids, members of the Legislative Delegation and Entergy.
- **Additional Funds for JEDCO**
 BP rejected JEDCO's request for funding. Lucien is considering making a proposal to other companies; Chevron, Shell, etc. Jim Garvey suggested contacting Natural Gas companies too.
- **Fairfield Vision**
 Dottie Stephenson has been assigned as the JEDCO point person for the Bayou Segnette to Hwy 90 and south of Lapalco project. JEDCO hosted a

tour of the Torres Lakeshore estates in Slidell; using it as a model for the Westbank. As a next step, JEDCO is hosting a meeting of the major property owners on August 11th to share the concept of this type of development.

V. Financial Report – Cynthia Grows

- **Monthly Financial Report**

The monthly financial report forms a part of these minutes. Cynthia also reported that the 2012 Proposed Budget will be presented to the Parish in August.

VI. Public / Other Comments

None

Adjournment – Joe Ewell motioned to adjourn at 10:37; seconded by Stan Salathe. The motion passed unanimously.


Lynda Nugent-Smith
JEDCO, Secretary