

JEDCO Board of Commissioners

August 27, 2015

8:50 A.M.

Minutes

Call to Order 8:50 a.m.

Attendance: Jimmy Baum, Mario Bazile, Bruce Dantin, Joe Ewell, Brian Heiden, Greg Jordan, Steve LaChute, Bruce Layburn, Joe Liss, Mark Madderra, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Mayra Pineda, Paul Rivera, Mike Rongey

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Jessica Lobue, Alberto Queral, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks

Absences: Tina Dandry Mayes, Jim Garvey, Roy Gattuso, Bill Peperone, Stan Salathe

Attorney: Reed Smith – Parish Attorney’s Office

Guests: Amy Walters – LaPorte CPAs
John Monzon, Ken Pickering, Haley Olvr, Gretchen Hirt – Representing Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority West

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Paul Rivera

- **Approval of Board Absences**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to excuse the Tina Dandry-Mayes, Jim Garvey and Roy Gattuso; seconded by Bruce Layburn. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO Executive Committee Minutes for July 30, 2015**

Bruce Layburn motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Steve LaChute. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Introduction and swearing-in of new Commissioner**

Ms. Larissa Littleton-Steib representing the New Orleans Black Chamber of Commerce was approved by the Parish Council to serve on the JEDCO Board. Ms. Littleton-Steib was unable to attend today; she will be sworn-in at a later date.

- **Presentation by Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority West**

John Monzon gave an overview of flood protection on the Westbank of Jefferson and the millage proposition, which will go before voters on November 21, 2015. The proposition seeks an additional 5.5 mills from voters in West Jefferson for a term of 30 years. This amount, if approved, will be added to the existing 5.03 mills that have been collected since 1985.

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

III. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Paul Rivera

- **Appointment to JEDCO Finance Committee**

Greg Jordan motioned to defer to the next meeting; seconded by Mario Bazile. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution authorizing Executive Director to execute conveyance of land to Delgado (deferred from July 30, 2015 meeting) – Lacey Bordelon**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to defer to the next meeting; seconded by Mark Madderra. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Monthly Financial Report – Cynthia Grows (Pg. 5)

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

V. Executive Director Report – Jerry Bologna

- **State-of-the-Organization**

- Delgado, Ochsner, Fairfield development and Avondale are among some of the major projects overseen by JEDCO staff. Jerry provided updates for each project.
- On the administrative side, JEDCO remains fully staffed and relationships with Gretna, Kenner and the Parish Council are stronger than ever.
- Assuring the nominating organizations are well represented on the JEDCO Board and implementing the Façade Improvement Program will take priority over next several months.

- **Jefferson EDGE 2020 Implementation Guide/Report Card**

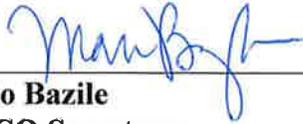
Lacey presented the document JEDCO will use as a guide for implementing the Jefferson EDGE 2020 Economic Development Strategy. This guide is also the basis of future progress reporting. GCR, Inc. will assist with prioritizing projects and providing semi-annual report cards.

VI. Other updates/comments from JEDCO Board of Commissioners

None

VII. Adjournment

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



Mario Bazile
JEDCO Secretary
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