



**JEDCO Board of Commissioners
October 25, 2012**

MINUTES

Call to Order 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Mario Bazile, Manny Blanco, David Colvin, Tina Dandry-Mayes, Bruce Dantin, Joe Ewell, Jim Garvey, Roy Gattuso, Greg Jordan, Steve LaChute, Joe Liss, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Bill Peperone, Paul Rivera, Mike Rongey, Stan Salathe, John Tobler, Patrice Williams-Smith

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Cynthia Grows, Lucien Gunter, Alberto Qeral, Scott Rojas, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks

Absences: Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Mark Madderra, Frank Trapani

Attorney: Reed Smith – Parish Attorney

Guests: None

I. Chairman Comments – Jim Garvey

• Approval of Board Absences

Joe Ewell motioned to excuse Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Mark Madderra and Frank Trapani; seconded by Stan Salathe. Motion passed unanimously.

• Approval of JEDCO Board of Commissioners Minutes:

September 27, 2012 and October 2, 2012

Joe Ewell motioned to approve the minutes for September 27th as presented, and to approve October 2nd as amended; seconded by Tina Dandry-Mayes. Motion passed unanimously.

• Update efforts of Executive Director Search Committee

The search committee received 39 resumes for the Executive Director position. The culling committee narrowed the candidates down to four. Interviews are scheduled for November 12th.

II. Executive Session – Personnel Matters Related to Annual Audit Report and Internal Audit Report

Joe Liss motioned to amend the order of the agenda and move to Executive Session; seconded by Roy Gattuso. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Reconvene Open Session -

• Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Chairman Garvey announced that members of the Board asked Commissioner Paul Rivera to assist in drafting a response to the Auditor's findings. Chairman Garvey to seek advice from Parish Attorney on determining what records should be submitted for the recent records request related to the internal audit.

IV. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Jim Garvey

• Approval of Entergy Servitude for Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy – Dottie Stephenson

Bill Peperone motioned to approve the Entergy Servitude; seconded by Greg Jordan.

Motion passed: 17 Yeas 3 Absent 1 Abstained (Steve LaChute)

• Amendment to JEDCO By-Laws Discussion – Dottie Stephenson

A proposed amendment to the JEDCO By-laws requiring the Executive Director and members of the Board to be legally domiciled in Jefferson Parish was presented for discussion. Motioned by David Colvin and seconded by Patrice Williams-Smith to amend the proposed Article VII, No. 7 to reflect "the Executive Director shall be legally domiciled in Jefferson Parish no later than 6 months', rather than the proposed 90 days.

This amendment will be presented to the Board for approval on November 29, 2012 and then to the Parish Council for approval.

The proposed amendment to Article X, No. 7 was discussed with no action taken.

V. Executive Director Report – Lucien Gunter

• Cotton Electric – Alberto Queral

Alberto gave the Board an update to the Cotton Properties, LLC property. Now that JEDCO is the legal owner of the property, Alberto explained that there are steps to be taken before JEDCO can take physical possession. Attorney Mark Landry is assisting with this process.

- **Major Prospects – Jerry Bologna**

Jerry presented the Prospect Pipeline Update, highlighting Project ACME, Project Oakwood and Project Exposure. All three remain strong prospects for Jefferson Parish.

- **JEDCO Building – Dottie Stephenson**

- Scott continues to work with the HVAC/Chiller system as it is still presenting problems
- The courtyard resurfacing work will begin next week. The manufacture of the product has requested that they be onsite for the application process
- Gutters have been installed and Boh Bros is in the process of attaching the underbuilding drainage system
- Landscaping is complete.

- **Marcello Donation of Land – Dottie Stephenson**

Dottie and Lucien met last week with Nichole Tomba, Parish Attorney, to discuss the type of agreement needed in order to move forward in accepting the donation of property from Mr. Marcello. Dottie will be meeting with Ms. Tomba again to work out the details of the agreement.

VI. Financial Report – Cynthia Grows

- **Monthly Financial Report for September 2012**

The monthly financial report was presented and forms a part of these minutes. Cynthia attended the September 21st Parish Budget Hearing and was advised that JEDCO will receive a 1.7% CPI increase for 2013.

VII. Public / Other Comments

None

VIII. Adjournment

Bill Peperone motioned to adjourn; seconded by Manny Blanco. Motion passed unanimously.



Greg Jordan
JEDCO Secretary

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