

Special JEDCO Board of Commissioners Meeting

October 2, 2012
8:30 A.M.

Minutes

Call to Order 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Mario Bazile, Manny Blanco, David Colvin, Bruce Dantin, Joe Ewell, Jim Garvey, Greg Jordan, Steve LaChute, Joe Liss, Mark Madderra, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Bill Peperone, Paul Rivera, Mike Rongey, Stan Salathe

Staff: Cynthia Grows, Lucien Gunter, Scott Rojas, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks

Absences: Tina Dandry-Mayes, Roy Gattuso, John Tobler, Frank Trapani, Patrice Williams-Smith

Attorney: Reed Smith – Parish Attorney

Guests: None

I. Chairman Comments – Jim Garvey

- **Approval of Board Absences**

Stan Salathe motioned to excuse Frank Trapani, Patrice Williams-Smith; seconded by Bill Peperone. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Bill Peperone motioned to go into executive session; seconded by Manny Blanco. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Reconvene Regular Session – Unfinished and New Business – Chairman Jim Garvey

- Chairman Garvey asked for it to be noted that no votes were taken during Executive Session.
- The Chairman entertained a motion that directs him to continue to revise the Board of Commissioners' response with revisions to be brought back to the Board before passing it on to the Auditor.

Bill Peperone made the motion; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

- The Chairman entertained a motion that if time becomes an issue with the October 16th date that the internal auditor asked the Board to get roughly 80% of the Board's responses to him [auditor], that he [Chairman Jim Garvey] be allowed to submit responses regarding the Executive Director's car allowance, cell phone issue, the debt or account with Andrea's, the Board of Directors' disclosures, the Incubator tenant leases, and the JEDCO/FORJ relationship; that he [Chairman Jim Garvey] be allowed to submit a response to the internal auditor to meet his request. Dr. Vinicio Madrigal made the motion; seconded by Bill Peperone. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Chairman entertained a motion that the Board officially accept the resignation that Lucien presented to the Board with his planned resignation date being December 31, 2012, partially in response to the investigation that the Board conducted in response to the internal auditor's report.

Manny Blanco made the motion; seconded by Bill Peperone.

The vote was as follows: **Yeas: 15** **Nays: 1** **Absent: 5**
(Steve LaChute objected to the motion.)

- Motioned by David Colvin; amended and seconded by Bill Peperone, that the Board look into amending the JEDCO By-Laws to require Executive Director be domiciled in Jefferson Parish rather than a resident and that it also be included in the contract. David asked that this be addressed at the next Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public / Other Comments

None

Adjournment – Manny Blanco motioned to adjourn at 9:40; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal.



Greg Jordan, JEDCO – Secretary

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