

JEDCO Board of Commissioners

May 29, 2014
8:40 A.M.

MINUTES

- Call to Order** 8:40 a.m.
- Attendance:** Jimmy Baum, David Colvin, Tina Dandry-Mayes, Joe Ewell, Roy Gattuso, Greg Jordan, Bruce Layburn, Mark Madderra, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Bill Peperone, Paul Rivera, Mike Rongey, Williams-Smith
- Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Alberto Queral, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks
- Absences:** Mario Bazile, Bruce Dantin, Jim Garvey, Steve LaChute, Joe Liss, Mayra Pineda and Stan Salathe
- Attorney:** Linda Hewlett, Jefferson Parish Attorney's Office
- Guests:** John Young – Parish President
Ricky Templet – Councilman, District 1
Paul Johnston – Councilman, District 2
Dwight Norton – GCR Inc.
Eric Bosch – LaPorte CPA & Business Advisors
Fred Trowbridge – Parish President's Office
Cherreen Gegenheimer – Jefferson Parish Council Research and Budget

I. Call to Order & Chairman Comments – Greg Jordan

- **Approval of Board Absences** – Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to excuse the above named absences; seconded by Lynda Nugent-Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of JEDCO Executive Committee Minutes for April 24, 2014** – Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the April 24, 2014 minutes; seconded by Mike Rongey. Motion passed unanimously.
- **GCR Inc. Presentation** – Dwight Norton of GCR Inc. gave a presentation on the first phase of the Westbank Revitalization Study. The purpose of the study was to measure and benchmark the West Bank, compared to the Region and to understand perceptions and preferences. The presentation listed the West Bank's needs, opportunities, and recommendations for future development.

II. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Greg Jordan

- **Resolution authorizing Professional Services Agreement with GCR Inc. to update economic impact of The Jefferson EDGE – Jerry Bologna**

Joe Ewell motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the contract with GCR Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$9,500.00 to update JEDCO's 2009 economic impact assessment and to quantify the return or impact of investments by JEDCO through *The Jefferson EDGE*; seconded by David Colvin. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of minutes from the JEDCO Audit Committee meeting of April 4, 2014 – Cynthia Grows**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; second by Tina Dandry Mayes. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO 2013 Financial Audit Report – Cynthia Grows**

Eric Bosch with LaPorte CPA & Business Advisors presented the 2013 Audit Report. Linda Nugent-Smith motioned to accept the 2013 Financial Audit Report; seconded by Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of unbudgeted expense related to JEDCO building – Scott Rojas**

Bill Peperone motioned to approve the companion resolution to FORJ, authorizing a contract with Daikin Applied for the purchase and installation of a Daikin DX Split Air Conditioning System for the JEDCO server room and not to exceed \$7,555.00. The motion was seconded by Tina Dandry Mayes and passed unanimously.

Motioned by Lynda Nugent-Smith and seconded by Paul Rivera to take the Monthly Financial Report out of order on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Monthly Financial Report

Cynthia Grows presented the monthly financial report. Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Mike Rongey. The motion passed unanimously.

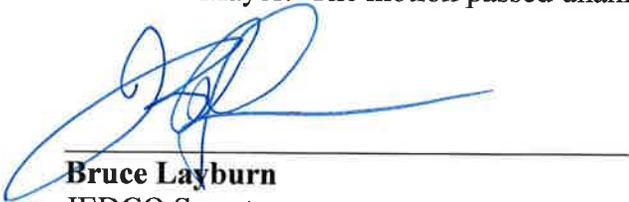
IV. Executive Director Report – Jerry Bologna

- WWCC Settlement Agreement – Jerry announced that JEDCO and Woodrow Wilson Construction Company had reached a settlement agreement regarding closeout of the JEDCO building construction contract.
- Louisiana HB 490 –This bill ensures that the state’s Coastal Fund is used solely for coastal restoration purposes, as intended. The JEDCO Officers authorized Jerry, as the Executive Director of JEDCO, to sign on with GNO, Inc. in support of HB 490.
- Business Retention & Expansion Update- Lacey provided a report of the EDS activities including Kenner. The EDS department has reached 44% of its goal for BR&E meetings with the parish’s top employers. The report included relevant findings from the BR&E program; i.e., employment, sales, and planned or current expansions.
- Jerry announced that Dottie Stephenson will be retiring after 16 years of dedicated service to JEDCO and Jefferson Parish. Jerry acknowledged Dottie for the instrumental role she had in many of the successes of JEDCO.

V. Public / Other Comments

None

VI. Adjournment - Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to adjourn; seconded by Tina Dandry-Mayes. The motion passed unanimously.



Bruce Layburn

JEDCO Secretary

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