

## JEDCO Executive Committee Meeting

June 26, 2014

8:30 A.M.

### Minutes

- Call to Order** 8:30 a.m.
- Attendance:** Jimmy Baum, David Colvin, Bruce Dantin, Greg Jordan, Steve LaChute, Bruce Layburn, Mark Madderra, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Paul Rivera, Stan Salathe
- Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Cynthia Grows, Kate Moreano, Alberto Queral, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks
- Absences:** Roy Gattuso and Mike Rongey
- Attorney:** Linda Hewlett – Assistant Parish Attorney  
Ruth Walker – Assistant Parish Attorney
- Guests:** Michael Hecht – President and CEO of Greater New Orleans, Inc.

### I. Call to Order – Chairman, Greg Jordan

- **Welcome** – Chairman Jordan opened the meeting by welcoming the above named guest and by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- **Approval of Board Absences** – Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to excuse Mike Rongey and Roy Gattuso; seconded by David Colvin. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of JEDCO Minutes for May 29, 2014** – Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Paul Rivera. The motion passed unanimously.
- **GNO, Inc. Presentation** – Michael Hecht, President & CEO  
Mr. Hecht briefed the Board on some of the recent initiatives that GNO, Inc. and JEDCO have partnered on: i.e., flood protection, British Airways, Avondale, and bills of interest during the Legislative Session. He expressed that GNO, Inc. and JEDCO have a strong business development relationship, using examples of Smoothie King, Dyno Nobel and Starr Textile. Mr. Hecht also stated that there are over 60 projects in the pipeline, promising 8, 000 jobs throughout the region.

## **II. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman Greg Jordan**

- **Approval of JEDCO 2014 First Amended Budget**

Cynthia presented the first amended budget. Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the budget as amended; seconded by David Colvin. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. Monthly Financial Report – Cynthia Grows**

- Cynthia presented the monthly report and stated that all Occupational License funds due JEDCO for 2014 had been received.

## **IV. Executive Director Report – Jerry Bologna**

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- Jerry is still seeking Council approval for long-term funding for shortfall resulting from the building's operating expenses.
- Two technology companies looking to locate in Jefferson Parish; one plans to locate in Lakeway Towers, the other considering Churchill Park.
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## **V. Public / Other Comments**

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- Stan presented information related to the Harvey Canal Industrial Corridor Plan and encouraged members of the Board to complete the online survey.

## **VI. Adjournment**

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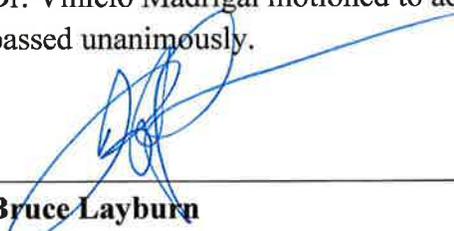
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