



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 28, 2012

Minutes

Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: David Colvin, Bruce Dantin, Joe Ewell, Jim Garvey, Greg Jordan, Steve LaChute, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Paul Rivera, Mike Rongey, Stan Salathe

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

Absences: Manny Blanco

Attorney: Reed Smith – Parish Attorney

Guests: Representative Bryan Adams

I. Chairman Comments – Jim Garvey

- **Welcome Guest**

The above named guest was welcomed to the meeting.

- **Crescent City Tolls update**

Rep. Adams said that the important issue across the parish is to make a positive campaign about what the tolls will do in the future. He and Councilman Chris Roberts met with the DOTD last week and submitted questions that would be asked at the August 8th council meeting. They also met with the State Police and presented them with a list of questions; seeking details of coverage on the bridge. Adams presented House Bill No. 1212 and identified a few areas for how funding from the tolls can be spent. He stated that it will be important to educate the public on what is happening.

- **Approval of Board Absences**

Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to excuse Manny Blanco, seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO Board of Commissioners Minutes for May 31, 2012**
Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Jim Garvey

- **Approval of 2012 Amended Budget**
Cynthia Grows presented the 2012 Amended Budget. By motion of Lynda Nugent-Smith; seconded by Greg Jordan, the Amended Budget was unanimously approved.
- **Executive Director Search**
Chairman Garvey announced that he formed a committee and will start meeting in July. The committee will include Officers of JEDCO, David Andignac, John Young and Elton Lagasse. Lucien pointed out that there seems to be some precedence that for the committee to have official status, it needs to be appointed by the Council.

III. Executive Director Report – Lucien Gunter

- **Access Road Update – Dottie Stephenson**
Lucien and Henry Shane met with Joe Marcello and Don Randon to discuss the donation of land to build a heavy access road for the Churchill Tech Park. Mr. Marcello spoke with Dottie and seems willing to donate a 100 foot wide strip of property (approximately 13 acres). Dottie explained that the Parish is not ready to build the road and that Mark Drews is laying out a plan for a temporary asphalt road. Greg Cantrell, working with a land surveyor, is drawing a legal property description and Mr. Marcello will assume the cost of the survey as it is also needed for his property and in connection with NOLA Mortorsports.
- **Building Update – Dottie Stephenson**
 - The air condition duct work and grills in the incubator offices complete.
 - Twin Shores began last week with the additional landscaping and will start under-screening of the building this week.
 - Cracks in the wall have been repaired a second time. The cracks in the floor remain an issue. A structural engineer is proposing solutions. Ladd Ehlinger will review the proposal and make recommendation to JEDCO.
 - The HVAC expert to submit his report at the end of the week.
- **Major Prospect Update – Jerry Bologna**
Jerry presented the JEDCO Prospect Pipeline update and pointed out that two new prospects had been added.
- **JEDCO Funding Update – Lucien Gunter**
Lucien held two meetings to discuss JEDCO's ask for an additional \$300,000 in 2013; the first meeting with President Young and Councilman Lagasse, and the second meeting with Councilwoman Sheng and Councilman Spears. Also in attendance at each meeting were JEDCO Commissioners and business leaders – Henry Shane, Jack Stumpf and Jim Hudson. Even though no commitments

were made, Lucien feels he is making progress. Lucien plans to hold one more meeting on July 9th with the remaining Councilmen.

IV. Financial Report – Cynthia Grows

- **Monthly Financial Report**

Cynthia presented the monthly financial report; Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned and seconded by Stan Salathe, to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Public / Other Comments

None

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

Lynda Nugent-Smith
JEDCO Treasurer

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