

# JEDCO

Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission

**JEDCO Board of Commissioners**  
**May 30, 2013**  
**8:40 A.M.**

## MINUTES

**Call to Order** 8:40 a.m.

**Attendance:** Mario Bazile, Manny Blanco, David Colvin, Bruce Dantin, Joe Ewell, Steve LaChute, Bruce Layburn, Mark Madderra, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Lynda Nugent-Smith, Bill Peperone, Paul Rivera, Stan Salathe

**Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Scott Rojas, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks

**Absences:** Jim Garvey, John Tobler, Greg Jordan, Tina Dandry-Mayes, Mike Rongey, Joe Liss, Roy Gattuso, Patrice Williams-Smith

**Attorney:** Reed Smith – Parish Attorney  
Linda Hewlett – Parish Attorney

**Guests:** Tony Ligi – Jefferson Business Council  
Todd Tournillon – Postlethwaite & Netterville

### I. Call to Order & Chairman Comments – Stan Salathe

- **Approval of Board Absences**  
Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to excuse the above named absences; seconded by Manny Blanco. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of JEDCO Minutes for April 25, 2013**  
Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Paul Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Introduction and Swearing-in of New Commissioner**  
Parish Attorney, Reed Smith, officiated the swearing in of Commissioner Mayra Pineda - representing the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

### II. Unfinished and New Business – Chairman, Stan Salathe

- **Appointment to Finance Committee**  
Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to appoint Mayra Pineda to the JEDCO Finance Committee; seconded by Manny Blanco. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution to authorize fourth amendment to CEA among JEDCO, the Jefferson Parish Public School Board and the State of Louisiana – Dottie Stephenson**

Dottie presented copies of the fourth amendment to the CEA and explained that as a result of the action of the State Bond Commission at their November 2012 meeting, it is necessary to amend the CEA again. Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to authorize the fourth amendment to the CEA; seconded by Bill Peperone. Motion Passed unanimously.

- **Proposed Amendments to JEDCO By-Laws – Dottie Stephenson**

The By-Laws committee met on May 16<sup>th</sup> to review and consider five (5) amendments to the JEDCO By-Laws. A copy of the proposed amendments was presented to the Board for consideration.

Joe Ewell motioned; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, to approve the proposed amendments to the following four (4) Articles:

1. Article IV – Meetings (Re: Attendance) as presented
2. Article IV – Meetings (Re: Special Meetings) as presented
3. Article IV – Executive Director (Re: Authority to state and disseminate JEDCO’s public position) as presented
4. Article X – (General Guidance and Procedure) The motion also included an amendment to the proposed amendment to Article X (General Guidance and Procedure); the amendment shall include language stating the Executive Director’s travel expenses for overnight and/or out of state overnight shall be approved in advance by the Chairman of the Board or in his absence an Officer of the Board.

The above motion passed unanimously.

5. Bill Peperone motioned, subject to Parish Council approval, to accept the proposed amendment to Article VIII – (Disbursement of Funds); to “delete item 5 in its entirety and renumber existing item 6 to become new item 5.” The motion was seconded by David Colvin and passed unanimously.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WILL FORM A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

- **Approval of Audit Committee Minutes – April 18, 2013 and May 13, 2013**  
Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Bruce Dantin. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Acceptance of 2012 Financial Report- Cynthia Grows**  
Todd Tournillon of Postlethwaite & Netterville presented copies of the 2012 Financial Report. The report has been accepted by the Louisiana State Legislative Auditors. Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to accept the 2012 Financial Report; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Motion to increase Postlethwaite & Netterville compensation in the amount of \$3,225 for additional services related to 2012 audit – Cynthia Grows**

Joe Ewell motioned to increase the compensation in the amount of \$3,225; seconded by Paul Rivera. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Consideration of offer to purchase 2221 Arlington Avenue – Scott Rojas**

*Chairman Salathe asked Secretary Paul Rivera to take this item before the Board.*

The Board discussed the offer at length and the following motion was offered by Lynda Nugent-Smith and seconded by Mark Madderra: To reject the \$100,000 offer from Café Hope and to offer our willingness to accept another offer in the future with more agreeable terms and conditions. The motion passed unanimously; Chairman Stan Salathe abstained from voting.

The Board recommended that the staff increase marketing of the Arlington property and seek value opinions from commercial real estate professionals, and to request a formal opinion from the PAO regarding listing of JEDCO properties.

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

- **Major Prospects updates** – Updates included Blessey Marine and the possibility of their headquarters expanding in Jefferson Parish. He also introduced four new prospects for Fat City.
- **Legislative update** – Jerry gave updates regarding HB 383 – Hospitals, stating that it had passed, but must now go before the Council. HB 571 – EZ/Headquarter Relocation has been reported with amendments.
- **EDGE Fundraising** – Jerry announced that he and Stan will soon begin reaching out to the JEDCO Nominating Organizations for EDGE Investor referrals.
- **Annual Report** – The JEDCO 2012 Annual Report was provided for each Commissioner. The report is also available on the JEDCO website; flip version and PDF version.
- **Jerry expressed appreciation** for services provide by Reed Smith – Assistant Parish Attorney. Going forward, Ms. Linda Hewlett will be representing JEDCO.

#### **IV. Financial Report – Cynthia Grows**

- Monthly Financial Report

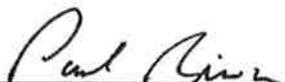
Joe Ewell motioned to accept the financial report as submitted; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. Public / Other Comments**

- Toni Ligi, with the Jefferson Business Council, presented an update on SB - 204 – regarding issuance of bonds to finance capital improvements for the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System. Mr. Ligi encouraged the Board to support SB-204.
- Chairman Salathe acknowledged that Jerry Bologna is approaching his six month anniversary as the JEDCO Executive Director.
- Chairman Salathe briefed the Board on recent development pertaining to rail service on the West Bank of Jefferson.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to adjourn; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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**Paul Rivera, Secretary**  
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