



JEDCO Executive Committee
January 26, 2023 @ 8:30 A.M.
JEDCO Administration Building - Boardroom
700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094
MINUTES

Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Chairman Larry Katz, Mickal Adler, Lloyd Clark, Mike Fahrenholt, Stephen Robinson, Gene Sausse

Staff: Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Cynthia Grows, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Scott Rojas, Kelsey Scram, Penny Weeks

Absences: Anthony DiGerolamo, Josline Frank, Jim Martin, Mayra Pineda, Tom Gennaro

Attorney: Reed Smith, Jefferson Parish

Guests: None

I. Call to Order – Chairman Larry Katz

- **Approval of Board absences for today** – Gene Sausse motioned, seconded by Stephen Robinson to excuse the above-named absences. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of minutes for December 15, 2022** – Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Mickal Adler to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioners were given the 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure forms and reminded that the forms must be submitted to the State Ethics Board before the May 15, 2023 deadline.

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

III. Unfinished and New Business

- **A resolution approving the form of and authorizing the execution of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the Jefferson Parish Port District, Formally Known As Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District, relative to FP&C Project No. 36-P41-22-01 Restore Rail Connection and Crossing to Avondale Marine, Planning and Construction, designating and authorizing Lacey Bordelon, JEDCO Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, to act on behalf of**

JEDCO on all matters pertaining to said project, including certifying requests for State disbursements, and providing for other matters with respect to the foregoing – Lacey Bordelon

Stephen Robinson motioned to defer this item to the February 23, 2023 Board of Commissioners' meeting. The motion was seconded by Mickal Adler and passed unanimously.

- **A resolution authorizing the President and CEO, along with the Chairman of the Board, to temporarily approve unbudgeted expenses for professional services relative to accounting and human resource services for a period of 3 months – Jerry Bologna**

JEDCO's controller and human resource officer of 34 years announced her retirement effective March 31, 2023. It will be necessary to outsource the accounting and human resource functions until a permanent replacement can be found. The resolution authorizes the President and Chairman to incur warranted and proper unbudgeted obligations on behalf of the Commission for emergency consulting services at an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. Mickal Adler motioned, seconded by Stephen Robinson to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of unbudgeted expense related to a Quality-of-Life survey – Jerry Bologna**

Mr. Bologna explained that the Jefferson Business Council approached JEDCO about participating in a Quality-of-Life survey that would give a good read on where we're scoring high, especially as it relates to our position in the region. It would allow some background or baseline data where we as a parish need to improve. Chairman Katz said the study would be in the range of \$45,000 and the Jefferson Community Foundation has agreed to sponsor at \$5,000, and the same ask of JEDCO is \$5,000. Following discussion, Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Gene Sausse to approve an unbudgeted expense in the amount of \$5,000 for the Quality-of-Life survey. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Monthly Financial Report

- **November 2022 and December 2022 – Cynthia Grows**

Stephen Robinson motioned, seconded by Mickal Adler to approve the reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. President and CEO Report – Jerry Bologna

- At the February 8, 2023 Council meeting, JEDCO will be recognized for its AEDO reaccreditation, and there will be five new appointments to JEDCO's board. Commissioners were invited to attend the meeting.
- Chairman Katz agreed to cancel the February 16, 2023 Executive Committee meeting since the full Board of Commissioners are scheduled to meet on February 23, 2023.
- Commissioners were reassured that JEDCO's President and CEO had no advance knowledge of the potential acquisition of Avondale Global Gateway, nor did JEDCO have anything to do with the negotiations of the purchase price. JEDCO did go on record as saying that JEDCO is supportive of any investment that creates jobs and investment in the Parish.

- In an effort to encourage insurers to come back into the Jefferson Parish market, JEDCO is working with Greg Rigamer to produce a new Insurance report, similar to the one done post Katrina. Mr. Rigamer gave a preliminary figure of \$25,000 for him to do a new report which will provided the insurers, parish, homebuilders, and everyone involved with a third party validation on all of the improvements that have been made in Jefferson.

VI. Other Updates or Comments from the JEDCO Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Lloyd Clark expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Cynthia Grows' years of service and that JEDCO will truly miss her.

VII. Adjournment – Lloyd Clark motioned, seconded by Stephen Robinson to adjourn the meeting.



James Martin

JEDCO Secretary

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