

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: 4/8/20**

The meeting was opened, and the following attendance was noted:

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Mike Heinen	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Beau Hearod	Jennings	X	
Tony Hulsey, Vice-Chairman	Jennings	X	
Joel Oustalet	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Jay Theunissen, Secretary/Treasurer	Jennings	X	
Marilyn Watkins	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Rick Arceneaux	Attorney		X
Marion Fox	President/CEO	X	
Tracie Fontenot	EDC Office	X	

Guest Present: Mayor Henry Guinn with the City of Jennings, Zach Hager with One Acadiana, Creed Romero with Entergy and Jim Wright

Call to Order ~ *Chairman Petree called* the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Jay Theunissen and passed unanimously* to approve the agenda of April 8, 2020.

Prayer and Pledge: *Chairman Petree* asked Mike Heinen to say the prayer and *Chairman Petree* led the pledge.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Jay Theunissen and passed unanimously* to approve *the minutes of February 13, 2020.*

Approval of Financials: *A motion was made by Marilyn Watkins, seconded by Beau Hearod and passed unanimously* to approve *the financials ending January & February 2020.*

Public Comments:

Old Business: Bayou Rum will convert their operations from rum to hand sanitizer to help with the shortage due to COVID-19. This has allowed the distillery to avoid from laying off employees and provide a much-needed commodity.

New Business: *A motion was made by Tony Hulsey, seconded by Beau Hearod and passed unanimously to approve the Resolution to ratify decision of President/CEO to hold meetings by teleconference.*

A motion was made by Jay Theunissen, seconded by Marilyn Watkins and passed unanimously to approve the Written Certification for Telephone Conference.

COVID_19 Updates *The staff is getting information out about the SBA updates.*

Adjournment: A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Marilyn Watkins and passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Marion Fox, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the first meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Commission held on April 8, 2020.

MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO