

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: 08/09/17**

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	Jennings	X	
Joel Oustalet	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Jay Theunissen	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: Jerry Theunissen, Zach Hagger with One Acadiana and Tom Chamberlain with Entergy.

Call to Order ~ *Chairman Petree called* the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Petree asked to make a change to the agenda by moving J. Aaron Cooper, CPA, LLC ~ Audit 2016 from New Business to section 1d. **A motion was made by Tony Hulsey, seconded by Beau Hearod and passed unanimously** to amend the agenda of August 9, 2017.

Prayer and Pledge: *Mike Heinen* led the prayer and *Beau Hearod* led the pledge.

Approval of Minutes **A motion was made by Mike Heinen and seconded by Jay Theunissen and passed unanimously** to approve *the minutes of June 23, 2017.*

Approval of Financials **A motion was made by Joel Oustalet and seconded by Mike Heinen and passed unanimously** to approve the **financials ending April 30, 2017 and May 31, 2017 and to table June 2017** financials due to the \$1,113.60 posted to accounting.

Public Comments: Senator Jerry Theunissen updated the board on SOWELA they are nearing completion and will be open for Spring 2018 class, the jail is coming along well they are indicating to be complete in February 2018 and probably couple of months following that they will be able to use it. VA Cemetery is moving along had to make modifications to the entrance of the cemetery.

Mike Heinen updated the board about the Jeff Davis Chamber of offering a billboard advertising package to the membership.

Old Business: GIS update ~ Marion, Mike and Ronnie are going to meet a with Donald Woods about using the register of voters mapping.

Gator Chateau update ~ There was an article put in the paper to explain where the monies are coming to fund the gator chateau. The bids were high so we will go out to bid again in about 3 months and make some modifications to the plans.

New Business: Chad with Aaron Cooper CPA presented the 2016 audit for Jeff Davis Economic Development there were no material weakness and we did not disclose any instances that were not compliant that are required to be record by the government auditor and there were no current or prior findings. **A motion**

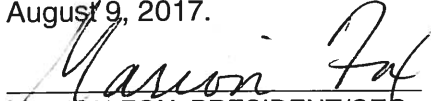
was made by Beau Hearod and seconded by Marilyn Watkins and passed unanimously to accept the audit for 2016.

McNeese helmet presentation for Senator Cassidy will be Friday, August 25 at the Zigler at 3:00pm.

Advisory Board: ***A motion was made by Mike Heinen and seconded by Beau Hearod and passed unanimously*** to appoint Senator Jerry Theunissen to the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Adjournment: ***A motion was made by Marilyn Watkins, seconded by Joel Oustalet 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 August 9, 2017.


MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO