

Economic Development Commission (JDPEDC) Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 12 Noon, First Guaranty Bank

The regular meeting of the Jeff Davis Economic Development Commission was called to order, and the following attendance was noted.

Name	Standing for	Present	Absent
Creed Romano, CEO/President	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
Mike Heinen	J.D. Tourist Commission		X
Beau Hearod	Jennings		X
Shane Fontenot	Jennings	X	
Judy Petry	JD Tourist Commission	X	
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Carter Prejean	Jennings	X	
Marilyn Watkins	JD Tourist Commission	X	
Rick Arceneaux	Attorney	X	
Greg Marcantel	CPA		X
Mayor Henry Guinn, Advisory	City of Jennings	X	
Charlie Butler	Advisory Board Member		X
Senator Jerry Theunissen	EDC Advisory Board	X	
Tony Hulsey	EDC Advisory Board	X	
Jim Wright	EDC Advisory Board		X
Alex Guillory, Guest	Blue Wing Engineering		X
Zach Hager, Guest	Entergy	X	
Randy Whetstine, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
Linda Leblanc	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	

Call to Order: Chairman Ronnie Petree called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge: Tony Hulsey led the prayer, and Carter Prejean led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Judy Petry, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The January 10, 2024 minutes were presented.

Approval of Financials: Linda Leblanc gave the financial report for December 2023 and January 2024. A motion was made by Shane Fontenot, seconded by Judy Petry, and passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business: **Creed Romano** summarized the Washington DC Mardis Gras.

Creed Romano discussed a partnership between parish businesses and the SOWELA Jennings Campus to start a Diesel Mechanic program. The possibility of a round table discussion was suggested.

Creed Romano discussed the upcoming legislative session and the importance of following the bills that involve ED, tourism, chamber of commerce, and small businesses.

Mayor Henry Guinn gave an update on the progression of the City of Jennings.

Zach Hager gave an update on One Acadiana monitoring the happenings of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

Shane Fontenot gave an update on the Airport and the resurfacing of the runway.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made by **Shane Fontenot**, seconded by **Judy Petry**, and passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Creed Romano, certify that the above and the foregoing constitute the minutes of the commissioners' meeting of the Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Commission on January 10, 2024.



Creed Romano, CEO/President