

Economic Development Commission (JDPEDC) Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 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 *Judy Petry* led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: *Judy Petry* made a motion, seconded by *Beau Hearod*, and it ***passed unanimously.***

Approval of Minutes: The March 10 and 20, 2024, minutes were presented. *Beau Hearod* moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by *Judy Petry* and ***passed unanimously.***

Approval of Financials: *None available.*

Public Comments: *None*

Old Business: *Creed Romano* discussed the meeting with ICE Industries and their interest in the Zagis Building. He also discussed his conversation with the owner of the KFC building.

Mayor Henry Guinn discussed the Shoney's building, the groundbreaking of Old River, and The Way's building.

New Business: *Creed Romano* discussed LED's entrepreneurship program, Project Hercules, SWLA Regional Planning Commission's planning grant, water in Lacassine, and a visit from Robi Deyer, Regional Director of Rural Development from the Governor's office.

Judy Petry reported on the last Thornwell Water Board meeting.

Carter Prejean introduced *Emily Olivier*, ShopRite Marketing Intern.

Dr. Shane Fontenot gave an update on the Jennings Airport.

Motion to Adjourn: *Shane Fontenot* made a motion, seconded by *Judy Petry*, which was unanimously passed 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 May 8, 2024.



Creed Romano, CEO/President