

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DATE: 6/12/19**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	
Mayor Henry Guinn	City of Jennings		X
Marion Fox	President/CEO	X	
Tracie Fontenot	EDC Office	X	
Charlie Butler	JD Advisory		X
Jimmy Cormier	JD Advisory		X
Tom Couste	JD Advisory		X
Jim Wright	JD Advisory		X
Dr. Shane Fontenot	JD Advisory	X	
Pat Hanley, Jr.	JD Advisory		X
Senator Jerry Theunissen	JD Advisory	X	
Will Guinn	JD Advisory		X

**Guest Present:** Jim Bourgeois with One Acadiana.

**Call to Order** ~ *Chairman Petree called* the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Joel Oustalet and passed unanimously* to approve the agenda of June 8, 2019.

**Prayer and Pledge:** *Mike Heinen* led the prayer and *Ronnie Petree* led the pledge.

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Marilyn Watkins and passed unanimously* to approve *the minutes of May 8, 2019.*

**Approval of Financials:** *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Marilyn Watkins and passed unanimously* to approve *the financials ending April 30, 2019.*

**Public Comments:** Mr. Jim Bourgeois spoke about the services that One Acadiana provides such as staff support to JDEDC. One thing we are doing for this region is we spend a lot of time on recruitment.

**Old Business:** Discussions are being had with the Industrial Board to vet projects for both ITEP (Industrial Tax Incentives) and the PILOT Program (Payment in lieu of Taxes). Economic Development will vet the projects with the assistance of One Acadiana's economic modeling software. The project then will be presented to the Police Jury, School Board and Sheriff for approval. Economic Development will take the lead, through Ronnie, to set up a meeting with David Bruchhaus to discuss. The Industrial Board met to pull land

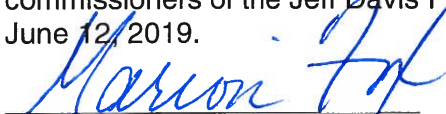
out of Pilot that was sold and added additional land bought by Rail Logix. Senator Theunissen is on the Industrial Development board. Rail Logix continues to market the site. Lacassine Operating Company (Catalyst plant) is a great economic driver for our parish and region. Ronnie and I presented the ITEP to the school board and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Eversul was delighted and said they are out there right now their doing their GO tech work. It should be six to nine months before they are up and ready. We are getting resumes from local people who want to apply for jobs with Lacassine Operating Company. We will send the resumes to his office in Houston.

GIS –According to Donald Kratzer most of the rural areas in the parish have be digitized. The first 6,600 parcels have been geo-rectified. Everything is moving along smoothly.

**New Business:** N/A

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Joel Oustalet, 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 June 12, 2019.

  
MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO