

## Economic Development Commission (JDPEDC) Minutes of Meeting

**Wednesday, July 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
Dr. 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	
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	
Megan Duhon	One Acadiana	X	
Randy Whetstine, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
Linda Leblanc	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
Macey Guidry	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	

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

**Prayer and Pledge:** *Mike Heinen* led the prayer, and *Creed Romano* led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda amended to add a report on Thornwell water district and Lacassine. *Dr. Shane Fontenot* made a motion, seconded by *Mike Heinen*, and it **passed unanimously**.

**Approval of Minutes:** The June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes were presented. *Mike Heinen* moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by *Dr. Shane Fontenot*, and **passed unanimously**.

**Approval of Financials:** *Greg Marcantel* presented the financials. *Mike Heinen* discussed requesting an increase in funding from the Landfill Commission, no action taken. *Judy Petry* moved to accept the budget as presented, seconded by *Dr. Shane Fontenot*, and **passed unanimously**.

**Public Comments: None**

**Old Business:** **Creed Romano** presented an award letter for the LED Development Ready Communities Grant. A motion was made by **Mike Heinen** to move into the contract, seconded by **Judy Petry**, and **passed unanimously**.

**Creed Romano** also gave an update on ICE Industries intention of locating in Jeff Davis Parish, AYP A ITEP update, and the JDP/One Acadiana Lacassine visit.

**Judy Petry** reports that there has been positive forward motion with the Thornwell water district as it pertains to Lacassine.

**New Business:**

**CEO REPORT:** **Creed Romano** reports he is working on "Deep South" project, Silicone Ranch Solar, and RES Global Renewable Energy Solutions.

**Chairman Report:** **Chairman Ronnie Petree** asked the board to ratify a letter of support for the JDP School Board in support of the Bureau of Justice Assistance STOP School Violence Grant. **Mike Heinen** made a motion in support, seconded by **Dr. Shane Fontenot**, and **passed unanimously**.

**Chairman Ronnie Petree** appointed **Judy Petry** and **Carter Prejean** to the Office Evaluation Committee.

**Chairman Petree** discussed a retreat for all of the board members to be held at Greg MacIntel's camp, and ITEP training.

**Senator Theunissen** gave an update on Chennault's plans to expand. **Mayor Guinn** gave an update on City developments. **Alec Guillory** reported on JD Central Water District expansion.

**Motion to Adjourn:** **Judy Petry** made a motion, seconded by **Dr. Shane Fontenot**, 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 August 14, 2024.



**Creed Romano, CEO/President**