

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 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, Secretary/Treasurer	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	
Tony Hulsey	Advisory Board Member	X	
Senator Jerry Theunissen	EDC Advisory Board	X	
Pat Hanley	EDC Advisory Board		X
Jim Wright	EDC Advisory Board		X
Zach Hager, Guest	Entergy	X	
Alex Guillory, Guest	Blue Wing Engineering	X	
Mike Doland, Guest	Jeff Davis Chamber of Commerce	X	
Randy Whetstone, 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 Senator Jerry Theunissen led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Judy Petry, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of line item "Special Recognition".

Chairman Ronnie Petree expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board to Tony Hulsey and his dedication to Jeff Davis Parish by serving on the Economic Development Board. Chairman Petree also thanked and congratulated Tony for accepting a position on the Jeff Davis Economic Development Advisory Board.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Judy Petry, seconded by Beau Hearod, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of December 19, 2023, as presented.

A motion was made by Judy Petry, seconded by Beau Hearod, and passed unanimously to approve the compilation engagement agreement with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC for the annual financial statements and fund financial statements for period ending December 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Judy Petry, and passed unanimously to approve the recommendation of the City of Jennings to appoint Dr. Shane Fontenot to the Jeff Davis Economic Development Board with term to expire December 31, 2026.

Approval of Financials: Greg Marcantel reviewed the November 2023 financial reports. A motion was made by Marilyn Watkins, seconded by Beau Hearod, and passed unanimously to approve the November 2023 financials as presented.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Judy Petry, seconded by Beau Hearod, to nominate and elect Ronnie Petree as Chairman of the Board by acclamation.

A motion was made by Judy Petry, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, to nominate and elect Beau Hearod as Vice Chairman of the Board by acclamation.

A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, to nominate and elect Judy Petry as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board by acclamation.

A motion was made by Judy Petry, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, to name Creed Romano as CEO/President of the Board by acclamation.

A motion was made by Carter Prejean, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, and passed unanimously to authorize Creed Romano, Ronnie Petree, Beau Hearod, and Dr. Shane Fontenot as signers on all Jeff Davis Economic Development bank accounts.

Ronnie Petree stated a Board retreat at the Greg Marcantel camp would be planned sometime in March or April.

Linda LeBlanc invited everyone in attendance to the Jeff Davis Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast to be held on Thursday, February 15th at SOWELA's Jennings Campus.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for noon, Wednesday, February 14th at First Guaranty Bank.

A motion was made by Dr. Shane Fontenot, seconded by Beau Hearod, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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



Creed Romano, CEO/President