

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 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
Tony Hulsey, Vice-Chairman	Jennings	X	
Judy Petry	JD Tourist Commission	X	
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Jay Theunissen, Secretary/Treasurer	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	
Shane Fontenot	EDC Advisory Board		X
Jim Wright	EDC Advisory Board		X
Alex Guillory, Guest	Blue Wing Engineering		X
Jim Bourgeois, Guest	Entergy		X
Woody Daigle, Guest	Sen John Kennedy's Office		X
Randy Whetstine, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	

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

**Prayer and Pledge:** Ronnie Petree led the prayer, and Tony Hulsey led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Tony Hulsey, seconded by Judy Petry, and passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Marilyn Watkins, seconded by Judy Petry, and passed unanimously to approve the December 21, 2022 minutes as presented.

**Approval of Financials:** No financials available.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:** *Creed Romano* reported on the progress with the LA 26-Benoit Property; all documentation has been received from the heirs. We can now proceed with the Certification of the LA 26-Benoit property, making it the first small business-certified site in SW Louisiana.

**New Business:** *Chairman Ronnie Petry* informed the Board that *the City of Jennings had appointed Carter Prejean* to the EDC board.

Nominations for a new treasurer/secretary were obtained; ***A motion was made by Marilyn Watkins***, nominating ***Judy Petry*** for the position of secretary/treasurer, ***seconded by Tony Hulseley, and passed unanimously.***

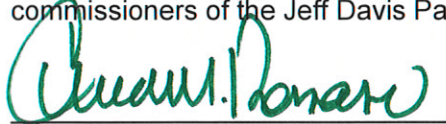
*Creed Romano* asked the board to approve ***Randy Whetstine's*** application for an ED credit card; a ***motion was made by Judy Petry and approved by Tony Hulseley and passed unanimously.***

*Creed Romano* reported that he is preparing for Mardi Gras in Washington, DC. He will attend with ***Mayor Henry Guinn***, Mark Pousson, Alex Guillory, and the SW Regional Alliance.

*Chairman Ronnie Petree* reports that the LAFA Board Meeting will take place Monday, February 6, 2023, at Bayou Rum Distillery in Lacassine.

**Motion to Adjourn:** ***A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Tony Hulseley, and passed unanimously*** to adjourn.

I, Creed Romano, certify that the above and the foregoing constitute the minutes of the meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Commission on August 10, 2022.



Creed Romano, CEO/President