

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Noon, First Guaranty Bank**

The meeting was opened and the following attendance was noted:

Name	Standing for	Present	Absent
Creed Romano, CEO/President	Jeff Davis Parish	X	
Mike Heinen	J.D. Tourist Commission		X
Beau Hearod	Jennings	X	
Tony Hulsey, Vice-Chairman	Jennings	X	
Joel Oustalet	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	
Dione Sabelhaus	JD Tourist Commission		X
Jamie Lee	JD Tourist Commission		X
Linda LeBlanc	JD Chamber of Commerce		X
Mayor Henry Guinn, Advisory	City of Jennings		X
Charlie Butler	Advisory Board Member		X
Zach Hager, Guest	One Acadiana	X	
Alex Guillory, Guest	Blue Wing Engineering		X
Jim Bourgeois, Guest	Entergy	X	
Senator Jerry Theunissen, Guest	Advisory Board Member	X	
Judy Petry	Farmrail	X	
Leah Harford, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Parish	X	
Shane Fontenot	Advisory Board Member	X	
Jim Wright	Advisory Board Member	X	
Keely McGibboney	Guest – One Acadiana	X	

Call to Order: *Vice-Chairman Tony Hulsey called* the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge: *Tony Hulsey* said the prayer and led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: NO QUORUM – October 13, 2021 Agenda could not be approved

Approval of Minutes: NO QUORUM - September 8 agenda tabled until next meeting

Approval of Financials: NO QUORUM – Approval of financials for June, July, and August 2021 tabled until next meeting

Public Comments: N/A

Old Business: see New Business

New Business:

Status updates on progress of all active ED initiatives

Creed Romano updated the Board on a possible “live” date in the next week or so of the GIS website.

Creed Romano explained that a quote was received by JUXTAPOSE for the JDP Police Jury website. The Jury meets tonight to either approve the quote or not.

Creed Romano reported that the application for the Louisiana Development Ready Communities program has been accepted and will have the kick-off meeting in early November. His office will also be working with SOWELA for workforce development.

Creed Romano also reported that he is has been asked to sit on the Tourism Advocacy Board and has accepted. He was also accepted into the Advanced Economic Development Leadership Program.

Creed also reported that the rice mill has a Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled for November 18.

Keely McGibboney, Director of Policy Initiatives & Governmental Affairs for One Acadiana, presented information on Amendments 1 & 2. Discussion was held for the remainder of the meeting between Keely and the attendees. Digital information will be sent to Leah Harford to be distributed to the attendees.

Motion to Adjourn: *The meeting was adjourned.*

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 held on October 13, 2021.



Creed Romano, CEO/President