

Economic Development Commission (JDPEDC) Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, October 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, 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
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
Katelyn Little	City of Jennings		X
Randy Whetstine, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
Brendan Dungan	One Acadiana	X	
Colby Trahan	First Guaranty Bank	X	

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

Prayer and Pledge: Tony Hulsey led the prayer, and Dr. Shane Fontenot led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Tony Hulsey, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by ***Marilyn Watkins***, seconded by ***Tony Hulsey***, and ***passed unanimously*** to approve the ***August 9, 2023***, minutes as presented.

Approval of Financials: ***Chairman Ronnie Petree*** reviewed the August 2023 financials. A motion was made by ***Judy Petry***, seconded by ***Marilyn Watkins***, and ***passed unanimously***.

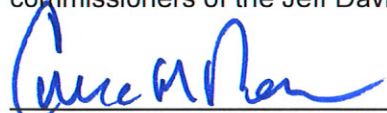
Public Comments: ***Chairman Ronnie Petry*** introduced ***Colby Trahan*** of First Guaranty Bank.

Old Business: ***Chairman Ronnie Petry*** reported that the LA Benoit site in Lake Arthur is officially a Small Business Certified Site. An event will be held to announce. He also gave an update on the road paving project in the LAFA Park. The ED office is in the beginning stages of having the I-10 Hwy 395 property in Roanoke certified. ReadyMat has purchased land on TO Alles South in Lacassine. Deco Exchange has purchased land in Lacassine.

New Business: ***Chairman Ronnie Petry*** discussed the Economic importance of the Zagis building being utilized for industry.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made by ***Marilyn Watkins***, seconded by ***Tony Hulsey***, 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 November 8, 2023.



Creed Romano, CEO/President