

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 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
Zach Hager, Guest	One Acadiana		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:** Tony Hulsey led the prayer, and Judy Petry led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by **Tony Hulse**, seconded by **Jay Theunissen**, and **passed unanimously** to approve the October 2022 minutes as presented.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Old Business:** Creed Romano reported on the progress with the LA 26-Benoit Property, waiting on the "Notice to Proceed" to be returned by heirs.

ED continues to wait on the joint endeavor agreement from the state for the EV Charging stations.

The Vietnam Veterans War Memorial dedication will take place on November 18, 2022, at 10 AM.

**New Business:** Darcie Portie introduced herself. Ms. Portie has property in Jennings that she and her family are interested in developing. She wants to know the "needs" of the community before she proceeds with development.

**Creed Romano** reports that One Acadiana is working on an in-house project dealing with T.O. Allen/Lacassine. They also plan to visit JDP (12/2) for their quarterly outing to visit The Gator Chateau, Tupper Museum, The Regatta, Mr. Clint's, Rail Logix, SLRF, and Bayou Rum.

Ronnie Petry reports that LAFA will hold a meeting on December 15, 2022, at 10 AM. The meeting will be held at Bayou Rum. After the meeting, lunch will be served, followed by an SLRF, T.O. Allen, Rail Logix, and Bayou Rum tour.

**Motion to Adjourn:** *A motion was made by Jay Theunissen, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, 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 9, 2022.



Creed Romano, CEO/President