

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

Wednesday, December 11, 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
Megan Duhon, Guest	One Acadiana		X
Linda LeBlanc, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
Macey Guidry	Jeff Davis Economic Development		X
Sheila Chapman	Jeff Davis Tourist Commission Chairman		X
Ben Boudreaux	Jeff Davis Parish Administrator	X	
Poncho LeJeune	Town of Lake Arthur		X
Nikki Trahan	Greg Marcantel office		X

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

Prayer and Pledge: Tony Hulsey led the prayer and Mayor Henry Guinn led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Marolyn Watkins, seconded by Beau Hearod and passed unanimously to approve the presented Agenda with the addition of To Approve Langley, Williams & Co. Contract and To Discuss Volunteering for a Search Committee for the Hiring of a Jeff Davis Tourism Director.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Shane Fontenot, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of November 13, 2024, as presented.

CEO Report:

Recapped the SWLA/LED Critical Stakeholder meeting held in Lake Charles and the One Acadiana/LED Critical Stakeholder meeting held in Lafayette.

A delegation will attend the One Acadiana Regional Celebration in Lafayette on December 12, 2024.

Jeff Davis Chamber of Commerce received a \$5,000 grant from the Clean Biz Program.

LAFAs meeting will be held in Lacassine on December 18, 2024.

It was moved by Beau Hearod, seconded by Dr. Shane Fontenot, and passed unanimously to approve the agreement with Langley, Williams, & Company for compilation engagement.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for noon, Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 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 December 11, 2024.



Creed Romano, CEO/President