

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 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
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	Enterger		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	

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

**Prayer and Pledge:** Mike Heinen led the prayer and Jay Theunissen led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** February agenda was approved with a motion from Tony Hulsey seconded by Jay Theunissen.

**Approval of Minutes:** January 2022 minutes approved with a motion from Marilyn Watkins seconded by Beau Hearod.

**Approval of Financials:** November and December 2021 financial reports were not ready at time of meeting.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

**Creed Romano** updated the Board on the LDRC program. We are on track to complete the certification process this spring.

**Creed** also explained that JDP ED is still working on site certification, however, Entergy is not certifying any sites at the moment. Both Creed and Zach will be finding other means of funding.

**Mayor Guinn** and **Creed** told the Board about attending DC Mardi Gras and encouraged everyone who may be able to attend next year to do so as that is a great way to get close to our senators and delegates.


**New Business:**

Daphne Berken, partner in Langley, Williams & Company, introduced herself and her company. She explained that her company has bought out Aaron Cooper, CPA. She asked that the Board consider Langley, Williams, & Company as the new auditors. Ronnie Petree held discussion about the matter and it was motioned by **Mike Heinen** and seconded by **Tony Hulsey** to approve the letter of engagement.

The Board discussed renewing the membership with the SWLA Alliance. It was motioned by **Marilyn Watkins** and seconded by **Jay Theunissen** to renew. Unanimously approved by the Board.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mike Heinen, second by Beau Hearod.

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 February 9, 2022.



Creed Romano, CEO/President