

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, May 11, 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 Heard	Jennings	X	
Tony Hulseley, Vice-Chairman	Jennings		X
Joel Oustalet	JD Tourist Commission		Deceased
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	
Judy Petry, Guest	Farmrail	X	
Linda LeBlanc, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	

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

Prayer and Pledge: Mike Heinen led the prayer and Senator Jerry Theunissen led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: The May agenda was approved with a motion from Beau Heard seconded by Mike Heinen. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: February, March, and April 2022 minutes approved with a motion from Mike Heinen seconded by Marilyn Watkins. Motion carried.

Approval of Financials: November 2021, December 2021, January 2022, February 2022, and March 2022 financial reports were approved with a motion from Beau Heard, seconded by Mike Heinen. meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Creed Romano reported a very productive last official steering committee meeting for the LDRC certification program had been held. He was waiting on a draft from LED of the final version to review all the data collected from the past 6-8 months and make recommendations to LED if necessary.

Creed also reported he recently met with someone that owns land near the Lacassine Park for potential certification. Creed stated he was working with One Acadiana on leads. Zach Hager stated there was a point of opportunity to populate a request for information for land with rail. Creed stated LED requested to change the listing of the Zagis property from site to building to broaden the market and he also submitted pictures of inside of the building as per their request.

Ronnie Petree suggested planning a tour of Lacassine Park and also of a similar site in Mississippi.

Creed reported he attended a Delta Region conference and learned that request for funding projects needs to go through IMCAL.

Alex Guillory reported Representative Troy Romero had asked the Police Jury for a list of Capital Outlay projects. Some of the projects were water improvements for Lacassine Park area, renovate third floor of Parish Courthouse, bridges, sewer improvements for Lacassine and Roanoke, and turning lanes on Highway 101 near Henry's and the Lacassine Park.

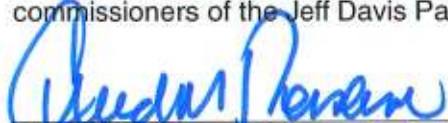
New Business:

Ronnie Petree introduced Judy Petry as the new Economic Development Board Member filling Joel Oustalet's unexpired term. Her term will expire December 2024.

It was noted the next meeting would be held at noon on June 15, 2022.

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 on May 11, 2022.



Creed Romano, CEO/President