

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 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
Dione Sabelhaus	JD Tourist Commission		X
Jamie Lee	JD Tourist Commission		X
Linda LeBlanc	JD Chamber of Commerce		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	Entergy	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	

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Jay Theunissen, and passed unanimously* to approve *the agenda of September 8, 2021.*

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Tony Hulsey, seconded by Jay Theunissen, and passed unanimously* to approve *the minutes of August 2021.*

**Approval of Financials:** *A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Tony Hulsey, and passed unanimously* to approve *the financials for June and July 2021.*

**Public Comments: N/A**

**Old Business:** see New Business

**New Business:**

*Status updates on progress of all active ED initiatives*

Creed Romano updated the Board on a possible "live" date of the GIS website.

Discussion was held regarding the JDP Police Jury website and advice for web design companies was given by members.

Creed Romano explained he will be speaking to the Police Jury on 9/15 regarding the Louisiana Development Ready Communities program to help the jurors understand the program better.

Zach Hager and Creed Romano discussed the water/sewer status at the T.O. Allen estate. CSRS will be giving a proposal for an updated concept drawing using the Rail Logix information for having the site rail served.

Creed Romano and Zach Hager reported that there will be a site call discussing the two sites in JDP that are up for certification.

Creed Romano also reported that he is still following the Metal Plate ITEP and that the meeting that was supposed to be in August was reschedule for the end of this month.

Senator Jerry Theunissen and Zach Hager reported that the Constitutional Amendments are supposed to be voted on in October but may be postponed due to Hurricane Ida.

Ronnie Petree reported that the rice mill has a member meeting on September 9, 2021 and will discuss raising more money and possibly accepting new bids.

Mayor Henry Guinn reported that the City of Jennings is still working on Hurricane Recovery and there are new projects that will be started in the future.

**Motion to Adjourn: *The meeting was adjourned.***

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 September 8, 2021.

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**Creed Romano, CEO/President**