

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

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 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
Dr. Shane Fontenot	Jennings	X	
Ed Orgeron	Jennings	X	
Ronnie Petree	Welsh		X
Carter Prejean	Jennings	X	
Skip Broussard	At Large	X	
Kendal Henry, Chairman	Police Jury	X	
Will Hetzel, Vice Chairman	Police Jury	X	
Chrystal Breaux	Police Jury	X	
Beth Daigle, Secretary/Treasurer	Town of Lake Arthur	X	
Rick Arceneaux	Attorney	X	
Greg Marcantel	CPA	X	
Mayor Henry Guinn	City of Jennings	X	
Cesilee Oliver	EDC Director	X	
Mayor Kark Arceneaux	Town of Welsh		X
Mayor Poncho LeJeune	Town of Lake Arthur	X	
Mayor Mike Pierroti	Town of Elton	X	
Ben Boudreaux	Parish Administrator	X	
Alex Guillory	Engineer	X	
Tony Hulse	Advisory Board Member	X	
Senator Jerry Theunissen	EDC Advisory Board		X
Zach Hager, Guest	Entergy	X	
Megan Duhon, Guest	One Acadiana	X	
Linda LeBlanc, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
D'Arcy Knight	Press	X	

**Call to Order:** Chairman Kendal Henry called the meeting to order.

**Prayer and Pledge:** Tony Hulsley led the prayer, and Skip Broussard led the pledge.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Dr. Shane Fontenot, seconded by Will Hetzel and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**Public Comments:** Mayor Henry Guinn requested to have a meeting with stakeholders regarding solar farms prospects with the discussion to include what property they are looking at, what incentives they are asking for, what zoning is in place and to make sure the most prime real estate is not consumed by solar farms.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Skip Broussard, seconded by Chrystal Breaux, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of April 9, 2025, as presented with a typographic error corrected.

**Approval of Financials:** The May 2025 financial report was not available to present.

**Old Business:** Will Hetzel reported he and Kendal Henry reviewed the budget with Greg Marcantel and were able to work on a retail position and offered Linda LeBlanc position as Office Manager with expenses with the Tourist Commission. Kendal reported the Jeff Davis Economic Development Commission and Tourist Commission will remain located at the office in the park.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Dr, Shane Fontenot, seconded by Will Hetzel and passed unanimously to add Cesilee Oliver as an authorized bank account signer and an authorized credit card holder.

Chairman Kendal Henry invited everyone to attend the today's Police Jury meeting at 5:00pm where Cesilee Oliver would be introduced.

Ongoing projects – stakeholders report Nothing new going on with the 5 or 6 ongoing projects and were waiting on Cesilee Oliver to come on board. Cesilee has been meeting with stakeholders. A meeting with the LA Rural Development team will be held later today.

Kendal Henry reported she had met with representatives from the Louisiana Development office to learn about state funding.

**Announcements:**

- Next Board meeting is scheduled for noon, Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at First Guaranty Bank.
- Ethics Online Training needs to be completed by December 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Dr. Shane Fontenot, seconded by Will Hetzel, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.