

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: 06/23/17**

The meeting was opened and the following attendance was noted:

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Mike Heinen	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Beau Hearod	Jennings	X	
Tony Hulsey	Jennings	X	
Joel Oustalet	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Jay Theunissen	Jennings	X	
Marilyn Watkins	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Charlie Butler	JDEDC Advisory Board	X	
Jimmy Cormier	JDEDC Advisory Board		X
Tom Couste	JDEDC Advisory Board		X
Jim Wright	JDEDC Advisory Board		X
Dr. Shane Fontenot	JDEDC Advisory Board	X	
Pat Hanley, Jr.	JDEDC Advisory Board		X
Rick Arceneaux	Attorney	X	
Marion Fox	President/CEO	X	
Tracie Fontenot	EDC Office	X	

Guest Present: Judy McCleary, Office of Workforce Development and Kylie Schmaltz, Coordinator Morgan Smith Instructional Site with SOWELA Technical Community College.

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

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Marilyn Watkins, seconded by Tony Hulsey and passed unanimously* to approve the agenda June 23, 2017.

Prayer and Pledge: *Mike Heinen* led the prayer and *Charlie Butler* led the pledge.

Approval of Minutes *A motion was made by Jay Theunissen and seconded by Mike Heinen and passed unanimously* to approve *the minutes of April 19, 2017.*

Approval of Financials *A motion was made by Beau Hearod and seconded by Mike Heinen and passed unanimously* to approve the *adjusted financials ending December 2016 and January 31, 2017.*

A motion was made by Tony Hulsey and seconded by Marilyn Watkins and passed unanimously to approve the *financials ending February and March 2017.*

Public Comments: No public comments.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Marion Fox introduced Ms. Judy McCleary with SOWELA, Director of Office of Workforce Development and Ms. Kylie Schmaltz, Coordinator Morgan Smith Instructional Site. Ms. Schmaltz spoke about the new building will be finished end of July and will not officially move in until January 2018. The SOWLEA Jennings site offers from accounting to welding courses that are available to students and business administration is a new course being offered online or classes on ground. Juniors and Seniors in High School can begin taking courses at SOWELA from Nurse Assistant, Culinary Arts, Industrial Electrician, Industrial

Instrumentation, Process Technology, Welding and General Education Courses. There will be New Allied Health Programs that are currently being reviewed by accrediting bodies: Surgical Technician, which will only be offered in Jennings and Sterile Processing, also Proposed Workforce Development Programs: Microsoft Office Suite, Leadership Training, Incumbent Worker Training, Summer Camp for Kids ~ Culinary, Robotics, Aviation, Welding, STEM, etc.

A motion was made by Beau Hearod and seconded by Joel Oustalet and passed unanimously to send a letter of support to appointment Mr. Mark Pousson to the Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

Web-Site updating the site and new logos for EDC, Film Commission.

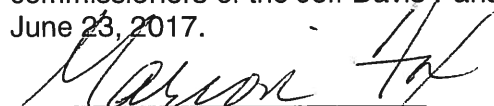
CHRISTUS St. Patrick Foundation will be coming to the parish to host a luncheon on June 26 and everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon.

GIS ~ Geographic Information System ~ Fenstermaker will be coming to the parish to give a presentation of how GIS will benefit the community. There are different ways that GIS can be built with different layers to benefit all the entities and the community. It would be open to the public to look up and print out property. The proposed date is set for Thursday, June 29 or Wednesday, July 5 at 5:00pm.

Committee Report: No Committee Reports.

Adjournment: ***A motion was made by Marilyn Watkins, seconded by Joel Oustalet and passed unanimously*** to adjourn.

I, Marion Fox, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the first meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Commission held on June 23, 2017.


MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO