

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: 5/13/20**

The Zoom Telephone Conference 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 Hulse, Vice-Chairman	Jennings		X
Joel Oustalet	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Jay Theunissen, Secretary/Treasurer	Jennings	X	
Marilyn Watkins	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Rick Arceneaux	Attorney		X
Marion Fox	President/CEO	X	
Linda LeBlanc	EDC Office	X	

Guest Present: Mayor Henry Guinn with the City of Jennings, Zach Hager with One Acadiana

Call to Order ~ *Chairman Petree called* the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Jay Theunissen, seconded by Joel Oustalet and passed unanimously* to approve the agenda of May 13, 2020.

Prayer and Pledge: *Chairman Petree* asked Mike Heinen to say the prayer and *Chairman Petree* led the pledge.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Joel Oustalet, seconded by Mike Heinen and passed unanimously* to approve *the minutes of April 8, 2020.*

Approval of Financials: *The financials ending March 2020 were not available to approve.*

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Marion Fox reported negotiations were still ongoing between Bayou Rum and the Catalyst plant.

Jerry Theunissen reported the Rice Mill was still in the works. They were looking at \$1.7 million and financing was on track with Marion helping with the paperwork.

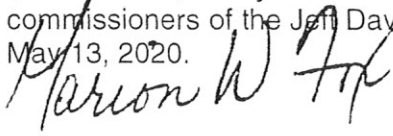
New Business: Marion Fox reported the Economic Development Office was continually providing COVID-19 updates and resources to the business community.

Jennings Mayor Henry Guinn reported the city began budget discussions and anticipated reduced revenue due to COVID-19. March had a 4% increase due to pandemic buying and April had decrease due to closures and stay at home orders. Jennings should end the year with a \$2 million surplus and will continue service agreements. Plans are to give employees a 2% cost of living raise.

Zack Hager reported One Acadiana has posted COVID-9 webinars and also a guide to navigate re-openings on their website.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, 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 May 13, 2020.



MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO