

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
Friday, January 21, 2022 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 Hulse, Vice-Chairman	Jennings	X	
Joel Oustalet	JD Tourist Commission		X
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X – virtually	
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
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
Jim Wright	Advisory Board Member		X

Call to Order: *Vice-Chairman Tony Hulse* called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge: **Vice-Chairman Tony Hulse** led the prayer and **Alex Guillory** led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: January agenda was approved with a motion from **Jay Theunissen** seconded by **Beau Hearod**.

Approval of Minutes: December 2021 minutes approved with a motion from **Beau Hearod** seconded by **Marilyn Watkins**.

Approval of Financials: November and December 2021 financial reports were not ready at time of meeting.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

Creed Romano updated the Board on the LDRC program. We are on track to complete the certification process this spring.

Creed also said the Legislative breakfast on Jan 20, 2022, put on by the JDP Chamber, was well attended and informative.

Alex Guillory told the Board that he held an informal planning meeting with elected officials on Jan 20 that will help everyone communicate their needs, progress, and help to unify our parish. He hopes to have more of these meeting in the future.

New Business:

A new local ITEP application is being drafted by the JDP EDC Office to help streamline the review process for the taxing authorities of the parish. When the draft is complete a copy will be sent to board members for review.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session by **Beau Hearod** and seconded by **Jay Theunissen**.

A motion was made by **Beau Hearod** and seconded by **Jay Theunissen** to enter back into Regular Session.

The Board approved renewing the membership with One Acadiana.

Motion to Adjourn: Marilyn Watkins, 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 held on January 22, 2022.



Creed Romano, CEO/President