

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: 10/10/18**

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, 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	
Tracie Fontenot	EDC Office	X	
Charlie Butler	JD Advisory		X
Jimmy Cormier	JD Advisory		X
Tom Couste	JD Advisory	X	
Jim Wright	JD Advisory	X	
Dr. Shane Fontenot	JD Advisory	X	
Pat Hanley, Jr.	JD Advisory		X
Senator Jerry Theunissen	JD Advisory	X	
Will Guinn	JD Advisory		X
Marion Fox	President/CEO	X	
Tracie Fontenot	EDC Office	X	

Guest Present: Zach Hager with One Acadiana, Mayor Henry Guinn with the City of Jennings and Sarah Judson with Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana.

Call to Order ~ *Chairman Petree called* the meeting to order at 12:10pm.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Tony Hulsey, seconded by Joel Oustalet and passed unanimously* to approve the agenda of October 10, 2018.

Prayer and Pledge: *Mike Heinen* said the prayer and *Marilyn Watkins* 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 August 8, 2018*.

Approval of Draft Financials: *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Beau Hearod and passed unanimously* to approve *the DRAFT financials ending July 31, 2018*.

Public Comments: N/A

Old Business: The Jeff Davis Parish Police Jury approved to join in with the GIS.

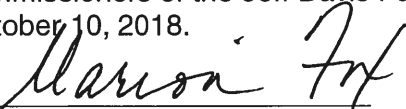
New Business:

Mrs. Sara Judson with Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana presented a presentation to the Jeff Davis Economic Development and Advisory Board. The Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter. We work in two ways.

1. The Foundation connects people who care, we call them philanthropists, with nonprofits and other causes they care about. To philanthropists, we offer charitable accounts, a kind of savings account for doing good; distribute grants from their charitable accounts to the nonprofits they choose; and ensure that their desired improvements happen and are enduring. Since starting up in 2008, the Foundation and our fund donors have granted over \$12 million to nonprofits.
2. The Foundation collaborates with public agencies and private enterprises to conduct projects for civic improvement. Some the projects solve fundamental problems in a particular sector, while others improve the quality of life for all people who live in our region. Projects include rebuilding millennium park, partnering to build Bark du Lac dog park, championing bike lanes and pedestrian paths, planting trees, and helping Southwest Louisiana rebuild stronger after storms and other disasters.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Tony Hulse 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 October 10, 2018.


MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO