

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: 4/10/19**

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	
Mayor Henry Guinn	City of Jennings		X
Marion Fox	President/CEO	X	
Linda LeBlanc	EDC Office	X	

Guest Present: 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 Mike Heinen, seconded by Joel Oustalet and passed unanimously* to approve the agenda of April 10, 2019.

Prayer and Pledge: *Tony Hulsey* led the prayer and *Marilyn Watkins* led the pledge.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Beau Hearod, seconded by Tony Hulsey and passed unanimously* to approve *the minutes of February 13, 2019.*

Approval of Financials: *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Tony Hulsey and passed unanimously* to approve *the financials ending January 31, 2019 & February 28, 2019.*

Public Comments: Zach with one Acadiana stating any legislation that you would like we will be tracking. Andrea Breaux runs our policy department and have completed a large bill review that has been submitted. Marion mentioned that we are tracking bill 339 by Stephen Dwight. It establishes parity between the state tax office and the occupancy tax. Because the law in the state says one or more rooms is considered a hotel CVB's say two rooms. We are just trying to clean it up

Old Business: Economic Development hosted the LAFA board meeting on April 1 at the new Coffee Shop at Bayou Rum. Commissioner Strain and the board took a tour of Lacassine. We have been speaking to Rene about having someone to market the park on a continual basis. Economic Development and Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority does not understand Real Estate Marketing of Industrial properties or rail access. LAFA will get paid so much per car starting 2020 for every car that passes through that park. Rail logic did buy the frontage property not Walker's property. The Industrial Board has the opportunity to say this is what success looks like. ITEP is 3 months from creating the pilot to get it up and running and we've already got a plan. Problem is getting ITEP through Police Jury, School Board and Sheriff for Equilibrium Catalyst. Van will be here Wednesday, April 17 for the police jury meeting. Ronnie and Mike and any other EDC board members are welcome to meet with Van prior to the meeting. We need people there to stand up and speak up at the police jury. The meeting is on Wednesday, April 17, be there for 4:45pm meeting starts at 5:00pm.

New Business: Financial Disclosure statement is due May 15 make sure you get it done. Please send copies to Linda and Tracie.

Executive Session:

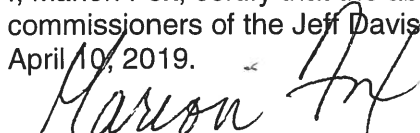
Chairman Petree asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. ***A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Joel Oustalet and passed unanimously*** to move into executive session.

A motion was made by Joel Oustalet and seconded by Mike Heinen and passed unanimously to move out of executive session.

Regular Session: ***Chairman Petree*** no action taken in ***Executive Session.***

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 April 10, 2019.


MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO