



**JEDCO Board of Commissioners**  
**August 29, 2024 @ 8:30 A.M.**  
**JEDCO Administration Building**  
**700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m.

**Attendance:** Chairwoman Mayra Pineda, Mickal Adler, Jimmy Baum, Kenny Bertucci, Billy Douglass, Mike Fahrenholt, Josline Frank, Brian Heiden, Teresa Lawrence, Jim Martin, Melissa O’Neal, Paula Polito, Joe Riccobono, Stephen Robinson, Gene Sausse, Melissa Simeon, Bob Stevens, Teri Tucker, Shondra Williams

**Absences:** Joe Ewell and Lynda Nugent Smith

**Staff:** Jerry Bologna, Lacey Bordelon, Lauren Cashio, Janet Galati, Annalisa Kelly, Jennifer Lapeyrouse, Penny Weeks, Jennifer Wollfarth, Kate Wendel

**Attorney:** Colin Cisco – Jefferson Parish

**Guest:** None

**I. Call to Order – Chairwoman, Mayra Pineda**

**The Chairwoman asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include the following:**

A resolution approving an Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Greater New Orleans, Inc. increasing LACRED grant funding by \$22,300 for a new total of \$122,300 in grant funding to JEDCO for the design and engineering of future roadways in Churchill Technology & Business Park, and authorizing its execution by JEDCO’s President & CEO.

Jimmy Baum motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence, to approve amending the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of Board absences for today, August 29, 2024** – Stephen Robinson motioned, seconded by Teri Tucker, to excuse the above-named absences. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of minutes for July 25, 2024** – Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Josline Frank, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

## III. Unfinished and New Business

- **A resolution approving a budget increase of a Professional Services Agreement Related to the Design and Engineering of New Roadways within the Churchill Technology and Business Park with Duplantis Design Group, PC– Lacey Bordelon**

In December 2023, JEDCO entered into a professional services contract with Duplantis Design Group (DDG) for a total contract amount of \$161,100. The contract will expire on August 30, 2024. With the new development opportunity for the park (the food and beverage business incubator) an alternative roadway configuration is necessary and will require some additional work by DDG. JEDCO staff requested approval of a budget increase not-to-exceed \$22,300, and a 60-day extension of the contract.

Jim Martin motioned, seconded by Mickal Adler, to approve the budget increase and extension of the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

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On November 30, 2023, JEDCO entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with GNO, Inc. that secured \$100,000 in grant funds under the Louisiana Competes Regional Economic Development (LACRED) Program to put toward the cost of the design and engineering of new roadways in Churchill Park. This week, JEDCO was informed by GNO, Inc. that additional LACRED dollars in the amount of \$22,300 will be made available to JEDCO to cover the full cost of the final work that DDG will complete for the design and engineering of the alternative roadway alignment within the park. JEDCO staff asked the Board to approve the resolution approving an amendment to the MOA with GNO, Inc.

Mickal Adler motioned, seconded by Teresa Lawrence, to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Chief Financial Officer Report – Jennifer Wollfarth**

- Ms. Wollfarth presented the financial reports which included budget-to-actual comparisons for the months of June and July. Included were reports for the general fund, EDGE, Forward Jefferson Corporation, JEDCO Development Corporation, and the loan funds. Each fund details actual expenses for the respective month and year-to-date totals, comparing these amounts to the approved budget for the year 2024.

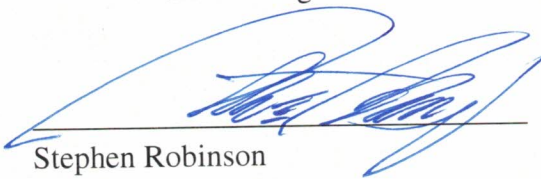
**V. President and CEO Report – Jerry Bologna**

- Dianne Scalfani recently joined the JEDCO team and will serve as the Director of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
- JEDCO will host a press conference in October to announce the construction of a Food & Beverage Incubator in Churchill Park.
- Mr. Bologna met with Louis Lauricella and Parish Council to discuss the redevelopment of the Kmart site in Elmwood. Rezoning applications submitted for 214 upscale apartments, two restaurants, and additional retail space.
- Bunge, a global leader in agribusiness, food and ingredients, will celebrate the groundbreaking of their facility expansion in Avondale at 10:30 today. Following the groundbreaking, JEDCO will host a reception for Bunge executives, Jefferson Parish elected officials and key community partners.

**VI. Other Updates or Comments from the JEDCO Board of Commissioners**

There were no other comments.

- VII. Adjournment** – Teresa Lawrence motioned, seconded by Billy Douglass, to adjourn the meeting.



Stephen Robinson  
JEDCO Secretary

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