

St. John the Baptist Parish
Economic Development Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Elizabeth Joseph
Larry Sorapuru, Jr.
Demetria Robinson-Carter
Tiffany Bigham
Roxanne Keller
Bonnie Dinvaut
Ali Stein
Lamont Bigham

Absent:

Tim Keller

Staff:

Baileigh Helm, Communications
Michelle Jenkins
Terri Abadie

Guests:

Yasmaine McGee
Ed MarMande
Pear Foreman
Wayne Aucoin
Tommy Scott
Doris Gray

Call to Order

Chairwoman Elizabeth Joseph called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Roll Call

Eight (8) Committee members were present. Quorum was met.

Opening Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Lamont Bigham lead the prayer and Larry Sorapuru led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – no public comments

Presentation

None

Adoption of Minutes from last meeting

Motion by Bonnie Dinvaut for approval of February 2024 minutes.

Lamont Bigham seconded the motion meeting minutes to the February 2024 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with 8 yeas.

Election of Officers:

Betty Joseph nominated herself as Chairmain of Economic Development Committee – Vote was 8 yes, 1 absent

Betty Joseph Nominated Bonnie Dinvaut as Vice Chairman of Economic Development Committee ; Vote was 8 yes, 1 absent

Betty Joseph nominated Demetria Robinson Carter, Secretary, Vote was 8 yes, 1 absent

Lamont Bigham presented a nomination to Appoint Betty Joseph to River Parish Tourist Commission - Vote was 8 yes, 1 absent

Welcome of Roxanne Keller to the EDC

Director's Report – Michelle Jenkins, presented the Director's Report (see report).

Community Partners' Update

- Entergy Louisiana – absent
- Louisiana Small Business Development Center – Mr. Wayne Aucion (see report).
- Port of South Louisiana – absent
- River Parishes Community College – Absent
- River Parishes Tourist Commission – Ms. Denise Burrell
- River Parishes Workforce Development – Tommy Scott
- River Region Chamber of Commerce – Pear Foreman
- South Central Planning and Development Commission – Ed MarMande
- St. John Business Association – Absent
- St. John the Baptist School Board - Absent

Old Business – no old business.

New Business- no new business

Announcements –

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Demetria Carter, seconded by Lamont Bigham

Motion passed unanimously with 8 yeas. Meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm