

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Economic Development Committee**
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Robert Taylor
Elizabeth Joseph
Tyler Lewis
Peggy Joseph
Michelle Jenkins
Kali Price

Staff:

LaVerne Toombs
D'Neil Figuero
Terri Abadie

Guests:

Mala Taylor Phyllis Madere
Shannon Smith-Magee Ron Hill
Yasmine Magee
Wayne Aucoin
Linda Prudhomme
Lester Mitchell

Absent:

Evin Stein
Kim Fontenot
James Oubre, Jr.

Call to Order

Chairwoman Michelle Jenkins called meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Six (6) Committee members were present. Three (3) Absent - Quorum was met.

Opening Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Michelle Jenkins led prayer. Tyler Lewis led Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments (2) Minutes – No Public Comments

Adoption of Minutes from October 7th Meeting

Motion from Robert Taylor and seconded by Kali Price to adopt the November 4th meeting minutes. The motion passed with 5 yeas – Peggy Joseph arrived at 12:10

Director's Report – LaVerne Toombs - see report

- Election of Officers? Chairwoman Michelle Jenkins chose to defer elections until the new administration takes over.
- Last meeting for current board will be the January meeting

Old Business – No old business

New Business – No new business

Community Partners' Update

- **Entergy Louisiana** – absent
- **Louisiana Small Business Development Center** – Wayne Aucoin
 - Graduation for FastTrac
 - 11 graduates
- **Port of South Louisiana** – Linda Prudhomme
 - 20 requests for site info among the tri-parish area
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- **River Parishes Community College (RPCC)** – absent
- **River Parish Tourist Commission (RPTC)** – Peggy Joseph
 - Grants were approved at November meeting
 - Contracts were approved for filming advertisement, crisis communication & PR
 - Elizabeth Joseph added to the report that when applying, the RPTC verbiage/logo must be mentioned

- **River Parishes Workforce Development** – absent
- **River Region Chamber of Commerce** – see report (read by D'Neil Figuero for Chassity McComack)
- **South Central Planning & Development Commission** – absent
- **St. John Business Association** – Phyllis Madere
 - All are invited to join SJBA (dues are \$150 per year)
 - December 11 – Christmas party & election – Frenier's Landing- 6pm
 - January meeting – guest speaker is Clay Schexnayder
 - February 12th meeting – guest speaker is Brad Briley, Special Agent for Nola DEA
- **St. John the Baptist Parish School Board** – Shannon Smith-Magee
 - Superintendent transition period still ongoing – Nov 20th date has been extended.
 - Testing mode beginning at the high schools, STEM & St. John Alternative
 - Elizabeth Joseph asked about the superintendent search.

Announcements

Sexual Harassment and Ethics Training

- LaVerne Toombs read the state training requirement code. She thanked those board members who have satisfied their requirement.
- Terri Abadie gave information about contacting Human Resources to schedule training. Sexual Harassment must be done at the Government Complex on our computer. Each training takes one hour to complete.
- Deadline is December 31, 2019.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Lewis and seconded by Betty Joseph. Meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm.