

**Jasper Economic Development Corporation**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday March 5, 2024**  
**Jasper Welcome Center – 500 S. Wheeler – Jasper, TX 75951**

1. **Call to order:** Board President, Danny Walker, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM
  - a. Board members present: Danny Walker, Ann-Marie Limbrick, Sid Stover, Anderson Land, David Shultz, Denise Kelley, Tressy Morgan, Chris Lanier, Bill Snelson, Dr. Larry Brown, Ky Griffin
  - b. Others Present: Eddie Hopkins, Sam Mathews, Kenneth Brooks, Beverly Holley, Steve Garcia, Reagan Clotieux, Patricia Etue, Randy Harlan
2. **Prayer:** Ky Griffin
3. **Minutes:** Anderson Land moved to accept the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes as presented, Bill Snelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  
4. **Financials** – Eddie Hopkins gave a brief update regarding financials. Eddie stated that JEDCO had a great month of revenue. Also stated was income of \$7,000 from rental fees, and some expenditures for insurance premium and a new sign for the welcome center. JEDCO also received a check from Jasper County to help the Chamber with Christmas Lights for the next holiday festivities. JEDCO made its last payment to Provalus. And JEDCO spent a large lump sum for the Jewel Bistro Café project.
  
5. **Activity Report** Eddie gave updates on ongoing projects and prospects: Eddie had a really busy month. He was involved in a pathway for students to workforce and career tech training. Jasper had 12 students walk across the stage at LIT before they had finished high school. He also had really good projects meetings this month, projects not yet able to release publicly. Eddie also received an award as well as attended to the Pillars of the Community Banquet. The Retail Coach that JEDCO has employed came to Jasper, Eddie and several Board Members showed him around town.
6. **Sub Committee:** Kenneth Brooks gave a brief statement about the Sports Complex process. He said he had received encouraging news. He was hoping to meet that following Friday and have all 3 families signed.
  
7. **Action:** JEDCO took action to partner with the Jasper Lions Club in the purchase of a drone. The drone is to be used to for our local Fire Fighters out at Beech Grove Fire Department. There will be an interlocal Agency Agreement with the County of Jasper. JEDCO's proposed portion would be up to \$5,000. David Shultz moved to accept, Bill Snelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Public Comment:** Stev Garcia spoke on the story of helping acquire the drone. Chris Lanier also spoke on the technical capabilities of the drone and how it would greatly benefit the fire department in our area.

**Adjourn:** At 5:50 PM Bill Snelson moved to adjourn; David Shultz seconded the motion that carried unanimously