

Jasper Economic Development Corporation
Minutes
Tuesday May 7, 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
2. **Board members present:** Danny Walker, Ann-Marie Limbrick, Anderson Land, David Shultz, Denise Kelley, Tressy Morgan, Ky Griffin, Randy Sayers, Willie King, Charles Warren, Dr. Larry Brown
3. **Others Present:** Eddie Hopkins, Sam Mathews, Kenneth Brooks
4. **Prayer:** Willie King
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Minutes:** Anderson Land moved to accept the March 5th, 2024 minutes as presented, Willie King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Financials** – Eddie Hopkins gave a brief update regarding financials. Eddie stated that JEDCO ended the month with a net income. The only major expenditures for the month of April were checks cut for the Jewel Bistro Café. Another cost at the amount of \$6,000, was earnest money for the Sports Complex.
8. **Activity Report** Eddie gave updates on ongoing projects and prospects: Eddie mentioned that this week was Economic Development week in the state. He also played a video sent out by Governor Greg Abbot on Economic Development. Eddie was also in Tyler last week attending a Sales Tax class that has to be renewed every 2 years, and received his diploma. Eddie also talked about the partnership between the City and JEDCO to help get 5 people into the CDL training class. Eddie has been very busy with education. Working with JISD and DETCCA to help them in getting the High Demand Training Grant once again.
9. **Sub Committee:** Kenneth Brooks gave a brief statement about the Sports Complex process. It was announced to the board that all parties were getting very close to signing and looking to setup a date to close.
10. **Adjourn to Executive Session:** at 5:39 PM Motion made by Anderson Land and Seconded by Willie King. The motion passed unanimously to close the regular meeting to executive session for Deliberations about Real Property authorized by Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072.
11. **Reconvene to Regular Session:** 5:49 PM Motion made by David Shultz and seconded by Charles Warren to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.
12. **Action:** Motion made by David Shultz and Seconded by Dr. Larry Brown. The motion carried unanimously to delegate authority to Executive Director Eddie Hopkins to negotiate with Texas A&M University to buy back the land purchased by the University in 2003 to relocate the Texas Forest Service.
13. **Adjourn:** At 5:50 PM Bill Snelson moved to adjourn; David Shultz seconded the motion that carried unanimously