

**Jasper Economic Development Corporation**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday July 2, 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, Tressy Morgan, Willie King, Charles Warren, Dr. Larry Brown, Marvin McDonald, Ronnie Sample, Sid Stover, Jennifer Miranda, Lequin Hilderbrand, Bill Snelson, Chris Lanier
3. **Others Present:** Eddie Hopkins, Sam Mathews, Kenneth Brooks, Renee Harrington, Mike Lout, Angel McCroskey
4. **Prayer:** Willie King
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Minutes:** Charles Warren moved to accept the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes as presented, Anderson Land seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Financials** – Eddie Hopkins gave a brief update regarding financials. It was another good month. Eddie stated that there was a small increase in sales tax collection last month. Eddie also pointed out the rent from Bravo Aviation. He also gave a brief update of the Fiscal Year-To-Date Financials. Eddie says JEDCO is tracking above plan in revenue, as well as expenses.
8. **Activity Report** Eddie gave updates on ongoing projects and prospects: Eddie was out for a week on vacation but still had a very busy month. He gave an update on the Gated Rentals Project. He was happy to say they had finally signed a lease Thursday afternoon to be located at the old LP Plant. Gated Rentals will start with 50 employees before ramping up to 150 employees. Also, Eddie stated that Saturday morning he received a call from Congressman Babin that Jasper had received a Community Facilities Grant. This grant will help with the Fire training facility that is housed in Jasper. This Fire Training Center helps not only Jasper but surrounding counties as well. The grant is expected to be around 2.3 million, to make up this amount there will be several matching partners involved.
9. **Sub Committee:** First Danny Walker spoke on Gated Rentals and our successes with them. Then for the Sports Complex Committee, Kenneth Brooks spoke about some of the new things that had happened since the last Board Meeting. The Sports Complex Committee had 2 meetings in the month. In one of those meetings, they had all board presidents from each youth sports organization to get a list of their needs and wants. They are getting ready to talk to developers about responsibilities and pricing. Lequin mentioned that their last meeting Little Dribblers came into the mix. They went over what their needs might be. Then the conversation crossed over into self-sustaining ideas for the complex. They spoke about having tournaments and the possible revenue it could bring.
10. **Adjourn to Executive Session:** at 5:47 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:** 5:55 PM Motion made by Anderson Land and seconded by Lequin Hilderbrand to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.
12. **Action:** Motion made by Sid Stover and Seconded by Anderson Land. The motion carried unanimously. In relation to the 13-acre entrance for the sports complex. To use Collin Townsend to remove creosote poles and timber from the property.
13. **Adjourn:** At 5:57 PM Lequin Hilderbrand moved to adjourn; Anderson Land seconded the motion that carried unanimously