

**ASCENSION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2009**

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A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Ascension Economic Development Corporation ("AEDC") was held in the offices of AEDC on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, beginning at 4:00 PM, after proper notice sent by John Berthelot, Chairman to the Board of Directors, via electronic mail to each member of the Board and by posting a copy of the notice at the principal offices of AEDC at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. The following members of the Board attended the meeting: John Scanlan, Dwight Poirrier, Chuck LeBlanc, and Randy Creel. Don Ramsey was absent. John Scanlan called the special meeting to order and Kristin Batulis recorded the minutes.

**New Board Member Introduction**

John Scanlan introduced the newest employee, John Berthelot, Chairman, to the public and to the Board members.

**Year End Financials**

John Berthelot reported that Mike Schexnayder of Postlewaithe & Netterville had not yet approved the 2008 year end statement, so no presentation was given, thus no approval needed. Financials will be given at first quarter board meeting.

**2009 Budget**

John Berthelot presented the 2009 AEDC budget to the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Chuck Leblanc, which was seconded by Randy Creel, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the 2009 AEDC budget presented by John Berthelot at the meeting is hereby approved.

John Berthelot included a separate budget for the remaining six months of operations of the Louisiana Edible Creations Center at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center. Kristin Batulis gave a report to the Board on possible closing of LECC. Board recommended moving forward in asking Lamar Foundation to donate the facility.

Upon a motion duly made by John Scanlan, which was seconded by Chuck LeBlanc, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the LECC budget presented by John Berthelot at the meeting is hereby approved.

#### Office Lease

John Berthelot gave report on office lease negotiations with the Ascension Tourist Commission and final commitment upon approval.

Upon a motion duly made by John Scanlan, which was seconded by Randy Creel, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the office lease presented by John Berthelot at the meeting is hereby approved.

#### New President/CEO

John Berthelot recommends to the Board that J. Michael Eades be hired as the President/CEO of AEDC.

Upon a motion duly made by Dwight Porrier, which was seconded by John Scanlan, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that AEDC hires J. Michael Eades effective February 23, 2009.

#### 2009 Meeting Dates

John Berthelot presented the 2009 scheduled meeting dates to the Board. Thursday, March 5; Thursday, June 4; Thursday, September 10; Thursday, December 3 all at 4:00 p.m. at the AEDC office.

Upon a motion duly made by Dwight Poirrier, which was seconded by John Scanlan, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the 2009 meeting dates presented by John Berthelot at the meeting are hereby approved.

#### Other Business

John Berthelot announces Parish President Tommy Martinez appointee to the Board, Melody Christy. States that the Council needs to replace Buddy Broussard.

quarterly breakfast being held the first week of March. BRAC will be involved in legislative issues, product development, and business development components throughout the region.

Board member Chuck LeBlanc offers thanks to Kristin Batulis and John Berthelot for their hard work during the time without a President/CEO.

**Meeting Adjourned**

There being no further business, upon motion by John Scanlan and seconded by Randy Creel, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Creel", written above a horizontal line.

Randy Creel  
Secretary-Treasurer