

JEFFERSON PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PORT DISTRICT



LOCATION – The port’s boundary encompasses Jefferson Parish excluding Grand Isle

ORGANIZATION – The Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District was created by Act 710 of the 1990 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature. It is governed by a board of commissioners consisting of 21 members who serve for a 1 year term. The Jefferson Parish Port District, which is part of JEDCO, is responsible for the economic development of all

navigable waterways in Jefferson Parish that do not exceed 15 feet in depth (excluding Grand Isle). This includes Lake Pontchartrain, the Harvey Canal, Bayou Segnette and Bayou Baratavia.

PORT COMMISSIONERS

David Andignac	Mark Jacobs	Ray Seamon
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PORT DIRECTOR

Pete Chocheles, Director of Port & Public Affairs

PRIMARY CARGOES

Inbound – N/A

Outbound – None

OVERALL ANNUAL TONNAGE – N/A

REVENUES – N/A

TOTAL EMPLOYEES - 1

MAIN CHANNEL DEPTH - N/A

CARGO TERMINALS & FACILITIES – JEDCO has obtained funding for two important Bayou Segnette projects. The first is construction of a \$1 million commercial and recreational fueling station and harbor at the northern terminus of Bayou Segnette. This harbor will have space for an assortment of recreational and commercial facilities. Concurrent with this project, JEDCO has been successful in including Bayou Segnette channel dredging in the Corps of Engineers maintenance budget. This \$800,000+ undertaking will remove silt that has accumulated over the years along portions of the waterway. Current conditions have hampered efforts of area fishermen to remain competitive, as silting has caused damage to props and shafts of many boats.

Kerner Bridge – The 55-year-old Kerner Bridge in Lafitte is a major impediment (only 72-foot wide) to large barge traffic from the Harvey Canal, as well as a problem for local residents (the bridge is open 20-30 times per day, stopping all traffic). A recent study has determined a more suitable location for a new bridge that will be wide enough to accommodate the 100-foot oilrig sections produced on the Harvey Canal. JEDCO and other stakeholders are seeking funding for a new structure that will improve quality of life in the area and be more appropriate for barge traffic.

Harvey Canal – JEDCO has obtained funding for various studies that highlighted the importance of the Harvey Canal to Jefferson Parish. Included in these studies is an analysis of access routes to and from the Harvey Canal. A model has been developed and completed that shows economic statistics including jobs and revenue generated by this area. In addition, JEDCO continues to market available sites along the canal to new industries.

OTHER PORT AREA SERVICES - N/A

OTHER PORT-OWNED BUSINESSES, SERVICES AND FACILITIES - N/A



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