

Letter to the Editor:

Mr. Lout,

I am writing about an article published by KJAS.com on October 2, 2024. In your article about the most recent JEDCO meeting, you wrote about obvious concerns from board member Jennifer Miranda. You wrote a paragraph summarizing what she had said, and you quoted “Even though Miranda did not ask specific questions” and then continued with your summary.

I would like to offer a correction as I have been privy to an audio version of the JEDCO meeting. Once recognized Mrs. Miranda said she had been trying to ignore accusations against JEDCO that she had seen on Facebook and then specifically ask “Are we operating as a legal board or not because if we are not, can we not be sued”? An important question indeed! With the documents that have recently been made public, every member on the board should be asking the same question and JEDCO providing the documentation is a simple answer. We live and work in the twentieth century...there is a document for everything and if it is not documented...why not?

We have been programmed to believe that if we question anyone over anything it is a personal attack. Asking questions and looking into public records is not against any individual person and should not have to be defended. It is nothing more than checks and balances to ensure that every person in our community is treated the same and in the words of Mrs. Miranda “no matter their last name, bank account or connections”.

Further into the audio Mrs. Miranda specifically asks, “Are we giving some people records immediately or to those that don’t ask in the way that we like or with the right attitude, are we making it more difficult for them”? In my opinion, asking for public records is not being nosy or wrong! Citizens have the right to know...who, how and what is making decisions for their community and question if it is in the best decision for ALL those involved not just a select few.

Mrs. Miranda went on to say that she herself “has been looking and digging into the records and does not like what she is seeing.” This should wake up every citizen in Jasper!

I only heard the audio as it was being played back but if you could obtain a copy that would serve you best at knowing exactly her words and tones. Sometimes a small paragraph in a written article does not do the conversation justice.

I look forward to your response

Sincerely,

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