

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Special Session at its regular meeting place, the England Authority Board Room, Building 1803 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 9, 1993 at Eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. (Central Standard Time).

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There were present: Mr. Jim Meyer, Chairman, Mr. George Thompson, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jack DeWitt, Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. John Brewer, Mr. Hank Bruser, Mr. Barry Hines, Mr. Gene Cotton, Mr. Elton Pody, Mr. H. K. Stanley, and Ms. Bridgett Brown.

Also present were Mr. Joseph Slowinski, Acting Executive Director, members of the England Authority staff, and members of the public, press, and media.

Mr. Elton Pody gave the invocation and Mr. Jim Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The England Economic and Industrial Development District was duly convened as the governing authority of said District by Mr. Jim Meyer, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, who then stated that the England Economic and Industrial Development District was ready for the transaction of business.

Mr. Jim Meyer advised the Board that he had received a call from Mr. Michael B. Taylor, withdrawing his candidacy for the position of Executive Director.

DECLARE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Gene Cotton, seconded by Mr. Elton Pody, to declare Executive Session in which to interview in alphabetical order Mr. Jon Grafton, followed by Mr. Joseph A. Slowinski. On vote the motion carried, with the following persons voting: Mr. John Brewer, Mr. Hank Bruser, Mr. Gene Cotton, Mr. Jack DeWitt, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Elton Pody, Mr. H. K. Stanley, Ms. Bridgett Brown, and Mr. Barry Hines. #0223

At 8:12 a.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 2:15 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session.

HIRE JON GRAFTON AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Motion by Mr. Hank Bruser, seconded by Mr. Gene Cotton, to hire Jon Grafton as Executive Director at an annual salary of \$62,000, and authorize an employment contract to be negotiated between Mr. Grafton and the England Authority Legal Counsel. On vote the motion carried with the 2/3 required vote. #0224

CONGRATULATE/THANK JOSEPH SLOWINSKI

Motion by Mr. Jack DeWitt, with a unanimous second of the Board, to congratulate and thank Mr. Slowinski for the fine job he has done as Acting Executive Director in the absence of the former Executive Director. #0225

Public Comments: Mr. Jim Meyer offered Mr. Jon Grafton the opportunity for comments or questions, and Mr. Grafton responded by thanking the Board for the opportunity and stating that he looks forward to a very successful relationship.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.



Jim Meyer, Chairman
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Board of Commissioners



Jack DeWitt, Secretary-Treasurer
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