

The **England Economic and Industrial Development District** met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the England Authority Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, February 25, 1999**, at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

**There were present:** Mr. Michael Tudor, Chairman, Mr. Martin Johnson, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Fowler, Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Lane Cripps, Mr. Alvin Mykoff, Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. H. K. Stanley and Mr. Charles Stewart.

**Absent:** Mr. Gene Cotton

**Also present were:** Mr. Jon Grafton, Executive Director, members of the England Authority staff, Mayor David Butler, Town of Woodworth, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

Mr. Tudor asked that we observe a few moments of silent prayer. Ms. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to approve Minutes from the January 28, 1999 Regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **15-1999**

At this time **Mr. Provine** made a motion, seconded by **Mr. Fowler** to address item number four on the agenda before item number two. There being no objection, item number four was addressed.

#### **MOTION TO RECOGNIZE MR. H. K. STANLEY**

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Stewart** to recognize Mr. H. K. Stanley for his contribution and dedicated service to the England Authority. Mr. Tudor, Chairman, presented a plaque to Mr. Stanley in recognition of his contribution and expressed his appreciation to Mr. Stanley for all he has done for the England Authority. Mr. Stanley thanked the Commissioners and staff of the England Authority. Mr. Tudor introduced Mr. David Butler, Mayor of Woodworth. Mayor Butler also presented a plaque to Mr. Stanley from the towns of Ball, Boyce, Cheneyville, Forest Hill, Glenmora, Lecompte, McNary and Woodworth, the eight towns in Rapides Parish that Mr. Stanley represented during the five years he served on the Board. Mr. Grafton briefed the Commissioners on the changes at England Airpark during Mr. Stanley's term, and thanked him for his honor, integrity, wisdom and guidance in his term of service with the England Authority. Mr. Tudor recognized Mr. Barry Hines former Commissioner and Chairman and thanked him for attending. The Chairman called for a vote, on vote, motion carried. **16-1999**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S BILL**

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Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of January, 1999. On vote, motion carried. **17-1999**

**MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENT #2**

Motion by **Mr. Stewart**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to adopt Budget Amendment #2 to Fiscal Year 1998/1999 General Fund and Capital Projects Fund. On vote, motion carried. **18-1999**

**MOTION AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LANDCO**

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Stanley** authorizing the Executive Director to execute Lease Agreement with Landco, Inc. for building 1150 the former Officers Club. At this time **Ms. Brown** made a motion, seconded by **Mr. Stewart** to take public comments and questions regarding this matter. There being no objection from any of the Commissioners, Ms. Brown introduced Mr. David Tindall and Mr. Marvin Pierce members of the Central Louisiana Business League. Mr. Tindall had comments concerning the lease of the officers club. A general discussion followed. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion, on vote, motion carried. **19-1999**

**MOTION AUTHORIZING LEASE WITH DEPT OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

Motion by **Mr. Mykoff**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** authorizing the Executive Director to execute Lease Agreement with Dept. of the Army, Ft. Worth District, U. S. Corp of Engineers for buildings 2107 and 2108. On vote, motion carried. **20-1999**

**MOTION TO DISCUSS LEASING RENT FREE BUILDINGS TO NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

A motion was made by **Mr. Stewart**, seconded by **Mr. Johnson** to table this item. On vote, motion carried. **21-1999**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT WORK BY KOETSIER CONSTRUCTION AS "SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE"**

Motion by **Mr. Stewart**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to accept work performed by Koetsier Construction, Inc. on General Aviation Hangers Project as "Substantially Complete" as recommended by Pan American Engineers. On vote, motion carried. **22-1999**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** to add the following items to the agenda:

1. Motion to terminate Cargo Study Project with URS Greiner.
2. Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute Ground Lease for Agricultural Purposes with Finkie Farms as related to recent purchase of Edwards property.
3. To receive update from Mr. Provosty concerning the appeal of Assessment of Penalty for violation by LA DEQ.
4. Motion to authorize advertisement for bids for components of the Electrical Vault Replacement Project.



5. Motion to authorize advertisement for bids for component equipment for the Time Trend Project.
6. To hear report from A & E Selection Committee for Administration Building Project and take appropriate action thereon.
7. Motion authorizing the Executive Director to execute EDAP Contract with the State of Louisiana.

By unanimous vote, the above items were added to the agenda.

**MOTION TO TERMINATE CARGO STUDY PROJECT**

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Mykoff** to terminate Cargo Study Project with URS Greiner. On vote, motion carried. **23-1999**

**MOTION TO EXECUTE GROUND LEASE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES WITH FINKIE FARMS**

Motion by **Mr. Stewart**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** to authorize the Executive Director to execute Ground Lease for Agricultural Purposes with Finkie Farms as related to recent purchase of Edwards property. On vote, motion carried. **24-1999**

**MOTION TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM MR. PROVOSTY CONCERNING APPEAL OF ASSESSMENT OF PENALTY FOR VIOLATION BY LA DEQ**

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Stewart** to receive report from Mr. Provosty. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. Provosty updated the Commissioners on the status of the \$15,000.00 violation assessed by the LA DEQ for the alleged asbestos disposal violations. He informed the Commissioners that the attorney in charge of the DEQ legal department had informed him that the DEQ will not reduce the fine any lower than \$11,250.00. If the England Authority is willing to accept this amount as the negotiated settlement, the DEQ has given their attorney the authority to accept that amount as settlement. If we do not accept the lower fine, the England Authority will have to see the process through an administrative hearing and then an appeal to the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge. Mr. Provosty's recommendation to the Board is to accept the lower settlement of \$11,250.00. A motion was made by **Ms. Brown**, as Chairman of the Legal Committee, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to add the following motion to the agenda: Motion to accept recommendation of legal council and move to settle assessment of penalty for violation by LA DEQ by accepting reduced settlement of \$11,250.00. By unanimous vote the motion was added to the agenda.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT REDUCED SETTLEMENT FROM LA DEQ**

Motion made by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to accept recommendation of legal council and move to settle assessment of penalty for violation by LA DEQ by accepting reduced settlement of \$11,250.00. The Chairman called for a vote, on vote, the motion carried. **25-1999**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR COMPONENTS OF THE ELECTRICAL VAULT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Motion by **Mr. Mykoff**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** to authorize advertisement for bids for components

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of the Electrical Vault Replacement Project. On vote, motion carried. **26-1999**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR COMPONENT EQUIPMENT FOR THE TIME TREND PROJECT**

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Mykoff** to authorize advertisement for bids for component equipment for the Time Trend Project. On vote, motion carried. **27-1999**

**TO HEAR REPORT FOR A & E SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT**

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Stewart** to hear report from the Executive Directors A & E Selection Advisory Group for Administration Building Project and take appropriate action thereon. Mr. Grafton informed the Board that members of the Advisory Group for the Administration Building Project had met earlier in the day. Mr. Johnson was present representing the Board, Mr. Hair, Mr. Brown and Mr. Grafton were also present. After review of the proposals the Advisory Group recommends that the submittal by CTA / Bufkin be accepted for this project. The Chairman called for a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

Ms. Brown	yea
Mr. Cotton	absent
Mr. Cripps	yea
Mr. Fowler	yea
Mr. Johnson	yea
Mr. Mykoff	yea
Mr. Provine	yea
Mr. Stanley	yea
Mr. Stewart	yea
Mr. Tudor	abstain

Total calculations: 8 Yeas, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent. Based on these results, the motion carried. **28-1999**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE EDAP CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Mykoff** authorizing the Executive Director to execute EDAP Contract with the State of Louisiana. On vote, motion carried. **29-1999**

**COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Tudor mentioned that he had discussed with Mr. Grafton the newspaper report that a tenant on England Airpark had appeared before the Rapides Parish Police Jury and had made an appeal for a traffic light at the intersection of Vandenburg and Hwy 28 West. There was also discussion of lighting the four way stop at the entrance of the Airpark on Vandenburg. Plans were also made to hold a meeting to discuss the Personnel Handbook.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Executive Director briefly discussed the Finance Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Michael Tudor, Chairman**

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**Tom Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer**

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