

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**JANUARY 27, 1992**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the England Economic and Industrial Development District to which legislators, public officials and members of the public and press had been invited to attend was held on Monday, January 27, 1992 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Alexandria City Hall.

Those Commissioners present at the Board meeting were Jim Meyer, George Thompson, Jack DeWitt, Garland Lawrence, John Brewer, Gene Cotton, Barry Hines, Hank Bruser, Myron Lawson, and Susan Jaques. All committee members were present.

Also present were Martha Bergstrom, Jon Grafton, Ricky Sooter, Colonel Jack Sherrill, Richard Brackney, Jerry Thiels, Col. Louis Weber, Col. Mac McBurney, Judy McLure, Tom Wells, Steve Noel, John Chaney, Isreal Curtis, JTPA representative, Jim Ballard, Harold Ledford, and members of the press.

Following the invocation and pledge of allegiance, the roll was called determining that a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Meyer.

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

**Minutes**

On motion by Com. Lawrence, seconded by Com. Lawson that the minutes of the regular meeting of the E.E.I.D.D. held December 23, 1991 be approved as presented. On vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Fiscal Agent**

Hibernia National Bank was the only respondent to the advertisement for a fiscal agent. On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Brewer that Hibernia National Bank be chosen as fiscal agent for the E.E.I.D.D.. On vote the motion was passed unanimously.

**Grants Status**

Dee Gilbert reported that the request for OEA and state DED funds are still being processed, but should be available soon.

**Stationary, etc.**

Com. Hines will expedite installation of private phones in E.E.I.D.D. office. Com. DeWitt will discuss the physical address problem with the Rapides Parish Planning commission. Ms. Gilbert has obtained Post Office Drawer 7028, zip code 71306. Calling cards and stationary will be ordered when these problems are resolved.

**Change Name**

Local State Representative will be consulted by the PPP Legal Committee to determine any resistance to the change of name from E.E.I.D.D. to England Authority. Legislation must be amended.

**Resolution #7**

On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Brewer to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development be requested to not delay the construction of Segment 2, the 5-lane portion of the project from LA 1 to First Street.

**Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development implement the planning and construction of a third segment, advancing the 5-lane portion from First Street to the front gate of England Air Force Base. On vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Chenault**

Ernie Broussard, marketing director for Chenault, has requested a meeting with England Authority members, and a tour of EAFB on Thursday, January 30th at 9:00 a.m.

**Grants Administrator**

On motion by Com. Hines, seconded by Com. Lawrence to accept the contract with Bobbi Brown to provide grants administration for the E.E.I.D.D. and to authorize chairman Jim Meyer to sign it. On vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Rittenhouse**

Com. Lawrence discussed the meeting between members of the England Authority and Mr. Rittenhouse, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and his staff along with EAFB staff members with regard to the transfer of real and personal property.

## Legal Council

Judy McLure of the Rapides Parish School Board requested that the assets of the EAFB school be transferred intact.

On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com DeWitt to advertise in Town Talk one time for legal firms interested in providing general legal services to the E.E.I.D.D. by providing their qualifications and to allow the Legal Committee to negotiate a contract for the boards consideration. On the vote the motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Brewer to continue to use the D.A.'s office and Attorney Generals' office for assistance and advice as needed. On vote the motion passed unanimously. The Board expressed their sincere gratitude to Tom Wells and the D.A.'s office for their work on behalf of the England Authority.

## Consultant

On motion by Com. Lawrence, seconded by Com. Thompson a recommendation by the Joint Task Force to request a proposal and begin negotiation on a contract with Greiner, Inc. to do the base reuse study. All present voted yes except Commissioners Bruser, Meyer and Brewer who excused themselves from the vote.

## Finance Report

On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Brewer to approve payment of the bills submitted in the amount of \$7,571.53. On vote the motion carried.

## Committee Reports

PPP and Legal Com. Detailed short list of names to be interviewed on motion by Com Brewer, seconded by Com. DeWitt to authorize expense to bring no more than 5 individuals from out of town to be interviewed for the Executive Director position. On vote the motion carried. Legal Committee requested to draft a policy pertaining to local businesses relocating to the base for expansion purposes and creation of new jobs.

## E.D. Committee

Marketing brochure mock-up should be available Monday for review. Following approval, specifications will be submitted and bids will be requested to hire a printer.

Economic Development people are working with a number of prospects to locate at base. Not trying to recruit existing local businesses to move out to base. Mr. Pody will conduct a tour of the base for National and International.

**Retired Military**

Discussed times for regular and annual meeting and impending trip to Washington D.C.

There being no further business, it was moved, duly seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Jack DeWitt  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Chairman