

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION NOVEMBER 17, 1994

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the England Authority Board Room, Building 1803 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, November 17, 1994, at 4:55 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Mr. Jack DeWitt, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Hank Bruser, Mr. R. Gene Cotton, Mr. Barry Hines, Mr. H. K. Stanley, Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Elton Pody. Absent: Mr. Jim Meyer, Mr. John Brewer.

Also present were: Representative Israel Curtis, Mr. Brent Pierson, Gist, Methvin, Hughes & Munsterman, Mr. John McCarthy, DoD Base Transition Coordinator, Mr. Jerry Thiels, Esler Regional Airport, Mr. Travis Brann, J.B. Hunt Trucking, Mr. Drew Wells, City of Alexandria, Mr. Walter Gatlin, Rapides Parish School Board, The Greiner Team, Mr. Jon Grafton, Executive Director, members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, members of the public, press and media.

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

The England Economic and Industrial Development District was duly convened as the governing Authority of said District by Mr. George Thompson, Vice-Chairman, who then stated that the England Economic and Industrial Development District was ready for the transaction of business. The Chairman recognized the Executive Director for the presentation of a revised agenda.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Pody, seconded by Mr. Stanley requesting staff to study issue on pending property taxes of England Tenants and make recommendation to EEIDD if leases should be amended to make EEIDD responsible for any assessed ad valorem taxes.

Motion by Mr. Bruser, seconded by Ms. Brown to make expedited study of Representative Israel Curtis and Mr. George Thompson's request that we create EEIDD Subdistrict #1 for purposes set forth in Mr. Thompson's November 1, 1994 letter.

There being no objections, these items were added to the agenda.

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Ms. Brown to adopt the minutes of the England Economic and Industrial Development District Board Meeting, held on October 27, 1994.
On vote, motion carried. 0138-1994

APPROVE PAYMENT

Motion made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve payment of legal services to Provosty, Sadler & DeLaunay for the month of October 1994 in the amount of \$2560.34.
On vote, motion carried. 0139-1994

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT

Motion made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Stanley to authorize payment of attorney's bill to Gist, Methvin, Hughes & Munsterman in the amount of \$526.71. On vote, motion carried.

0140-1994

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Grafton mentioned that the England Authority received the Record of Decision from the FAA and within approximately 30 days we should receive the ROD from the USAF. He informed the Board of the article written by Mr. Gene Faulkner of the Greiner Team and the visit from NY Times. Mr. Grafton stated the fuel flow for October was 76,000 gallons versus 450,000 gallons - the change was due to the deployment of troops to Haiti and the Mideast. He stated that Air Ops were recorded at 2100 versus 1300 last year. Mr. Grafton handed out the working papers for the Master Plan Study being conducted by Greiner. Mr. Gene Faulkner spoke briefly about the project. The EDA project (England 96) planning has started with construction to begin in the latter part of Spring (95).

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIONS REPORT

Mrs. Chambers presented the Financial Report for the month of October. She introduced the new financial report graphics.

REQUEST STUDY

Motion by Mr. Pody, seconded by Mr. Bruser requesting staff to study issue on pending property taxes of England Tenants and make recommendation to EEIDD if leases should be amended to make EEIDD responsible for any assessed ad valorem taxes. On vote, motion carried.

0141-1994

REQUEST STUDY

Motion by Mr. Bruser, seconded by Ms. Brown to make expedited study of Representative Israel Curtis and Mr. George Thompson's request that we create EEIDD Subdistrict #1 for purposes set forth in Mr. Thompson's November 1, 1994 letter. Mr. Bruser further stated that the Board is asking legal counsel to consider the nature of the relationship that will be created between EEIDD as a public body and this non-profit private corporation; the bonding consequences for them and for EEIDD; whether EEIDD has any responsibility for revenue bonds or other type bonds for this subdistrict. On vote, motion carried.

0142-1994

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner Brown expressed a thank you to all the Staff and members of the Board for the support their family has received.

Mr. Jerry Thiels asked that copies of the proposed Code of Ordinances and Airport Master Plan be given to him. Mr. Grafton replied that he was welcome to receive those items.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Mr. Jack DeWitt, *Secretary-Treasurer*
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