

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

NOVEMBER 25, 1991

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, November 25, 1991 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, Hank Bruser, Susan Jaques, Myron Lawson, Jack DeWitt, Gene Cotton and John Brewer. Commissioners Garland Lawrence, George Thompson and Barry Hines were absent.

Also present were Senator Joe McPherson, Mayor Ned Randolph, Elton Pody, Dee Gilbert, Jack Brittain, Tom Wells, Harold Smith, Col. Louis Weber, Ricky Sooter, Marion Chaney, Heather McKee, Richard Brackney, Jay Ellington, Jerry Thiels, John Chaney, Marvin Lemmons, Tom David, Jr., Jack Gremillion, Rev. Charles Woods 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.

Several items to be added to the agenda were detailed by Chairman Meyer. The revised agenda was accepted by consensus.

**Adopt Minutes** On motion by Com. Cotton, seconded by Com. Lawson, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the EEIDD held November 1, 1991 be approved. On vote the motion carried.

On motion by Com. Cotton, seconded by Com. Lawson, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the EEIDD held November 11, 1991 be approved. On vote the motion carried.

**La DED**

Heather McKee of the Louisiana Dept. of Economic Development reported on plans by the State DOTD for an intermodal transportation study to identify an area where rail, water, air and highway come together to form a transportation hub. A consultant will be hired in three weeks. On motion from Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Brewer that a letter be sent to the Aviation

Division of the DOTD formally requesting that England be included in the study. On vote the motion carried.

**Base Access**

The Commissioners will be issued passes for their cars which will give them access to the base. Tag numbers of their cars must be given to Dee Gilbert. Office space has been provided for the England District at the Civil Engineering building on base.

**E.D. Proposal**

A proposal from The Chamber to provide economic development/marketing support was presented. On motion from Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Cotton to refer the proposal to the Economic Development Committee for evaluation. On vote the motion passed.

**Transition Com**

Request from The Chamber for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the formation and support of the Transition Committee was presented by Marion Chaney. On motion by Com. Lawson, seconded by Com. Cotton to favorably consider the request of the Chamber for reimbursement contingent on the concurrence of the State that it is a justifiable, covered expense. On vote the motion carried. Chaney assured the Board that this would be payment in full.

**Grant Aps.**

Minor change was made to the OEA grant and submitted as requested. A check should be available by next week. Bobbie Brown is working with them to obtain documents for the Reuse Study funds.

A change in the language of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State has brought about an impasse. Language limiting the power to arbitrarily cut off funds to the District was denied. Mr. Wells rendered an opinion that the requested change was not unreasonable and the contract should not be signed until an agreement is reached. Senator McPherson will look into the problem with the contract.

**Consultant**

On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Bruser, that members of the Base Reuse Committee (Meyer, Lawrence, DeWitt and Thompson), with Jerry Thiels and Phillip Terrell of the RPAA comprise the Consultant Selection Task Force. On vote the motion carried.

**Exec. Session** Mr. Wells delivered an opinion on the executive session process. The open meeting law provides for a confidential process to discuss professional competence which he will outline in a letter.

**EAFB School** A letter to Dr. Wilmer Cody was reviewed. This asks questions about the possible reuses of the EAFB school. One possible reuse is an America 2000 school.

**RPAA Agreement** The Intergovernmental Agreement between the RPAA and the England District on the sponsorship of the FAA feasibility study has been reviewed by both parties. On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Lawson to authorize Chairman Meyer to sign the Agreement on behalf of the District. On vote the motion passed.

**Admin. Serv.** The formal contract between the Chamber and the England District to provide interim administrative services was reviewed. On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Cotton to authorize Chairman Meyer to sign the contract on behalf of the District. On vote the motion passed.

**Exec. Dir.** Com. Bruser is gathering a list of executive placement firms gathering prices on placing ads for Executive Director position.

**Brochure** Com. Lawrence indicated that the preliminary format for the marketing brochure has been presented for approval.

**Public Works** At a meeting of the Environmental/Public Works Committee, representatives from EAFB, the City and CLECO presented an overview of the base water, sewer, electricity, gas, and golf course.

**Insurance Com.** The minutes of the insurance meeting were discussed by Com. Lawson. With reference to Errors and Omissions insurance, Mr. Wells responded that there is a state statute that protects the Board but has a liability limitation. Fire coverage will be necessary before leases can be written.

**Heritage Park** Com. Cotton has written a letter to Col. Sawyer requesting support and information on maintenance and security and outlining the current situation. A visit to the museum at Wright-Patterson is planned at a later date.

Retired Mil.

A letter to Col. Sawyer in support of the Retired Military Committee's request for meeting space was submitted to the Board for approval by Com. Jaques. Harold Smith will provide specifics on potential medical programs to include in the scope of the base reuse study.


~~RPAAL Liaison Jerry Thiels indicated that there were no members of the England District at the Airport Authority Board meeting.~~ J

The next meeting will be Monday, December 9th for committee meetings and Monday, December 23rd for the regular meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved, duly seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Jack DeWitt  
Secretary/Treasurer

  
James L. Meyer  
Chairman