

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **REGULAR SESSION AUGUST 23, 2007**

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Session at the England Authority Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, August 23, 2007**.

There were present: Mr. William Barron, Chairman; Mr. Curman Gaines, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Secretary/Treasurer; Wayne Denley, Mr. Martin Johnson, and Mr. Charles Waites.

Absent: Bridgett Brown, Mr. Lance Harris, Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. Michael Tudor

Also present were: Members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

Commissioner Waites gave the invocation and Commissioner Denley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent Calendar

Chairman Barron asked for a motion to approve consent calendar for items #1, #2, #3, pull item #4 to end of agenda, pull items #7 and #8 from agenda, and add 3 new items from committee meeting.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites** to approve consent agenda items #1 #2, #3, pull item #4 to end of agenda, pull items #7 and #8 from agenda, and add 3 new items from committee meeting. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 26, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve Minutes from the July 26, 2007, regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **081-2007**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FOR SECURITY AT ENGLAND AIRPARK FROM OCTOBER 1, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to renew contract with Rapides Parish Sheriff Department for security at England Airpark from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. On vote, motion carried. **082-2007**

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF PROVOSTY BILL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2007.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of July, 2007. On vote, motion carried. **083-2007**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE PLAN CHANGE 5 TO TAXIWAY B PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,211.56 SAME BEING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE FAA.

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Motion by **Mr. Bushnell** second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to execute Plan Change 5 to Taxiway B project in the amount of \$40,211.56, same being previously approved by the FAA. On vote, motion carried. **084-2007**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE PLAN CHANGE 6 (FINAL) TO TAXIWAY B PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$2,284.60).

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to execute Plan Change 6 (Final) to Taxiway B project in the amount of (\$2,284.60). On vote, motion carried. **085-2007**

MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO FORM REVIEW AND COMPARISON OF FIRE, SECURITY AND DBE CONTRACTS WITH OTHER AIRPORTS, OR LIKE AGENCIES, AND TO PRESENT RESULTS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN 90 DAYS FROM THE PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to direct staff to form review and comparison of fire, security and DBE contracts with other airports, or like agencies, and to present results to Finance Committee no later than 90 days from the passage of this motion. On vote, motion carried. **086-2007**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH TSA FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT THE TERMINAL.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to sign agreement with TSA for the reimbursement of the costs of the law enforcement officers at the terminal. On vote, motion carried. **087-2007**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN SUBLEASE BETWEEN EEIDD AND THE RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION, SUITE A, IN BUILDING 900.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to sign sublease between EEIDD and the Rapides Area Planning Commission, Suite A, in Building 900. On vote, motion carried. **088-2007**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)**

Comments by Legal Counsel – None

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – None

Staff Report –

a. Economic Development - Mr. Williams reminded the Board about the Kustom Kruisers car show to be held Labor Day weekend at the airpark. Rapides Junior runners will hold events in November of 2007 and in February of 2008. Film activity – Emphasis to get film activity in central Louisiana and the airport. City of Alexandria, City of Pineville, CVB and a few other partners had been working on a marketing effort and plan on going to the American Film Market in California in November. Since these businesses are participating as a group, the State will match the grant in the amount of \$18,000.00 to help offset cost of the trip. Mr. Williams also stated that he meets with the Economic Development group at least once a month. He is also marketing the Time Trend building to technology firms.

b. Executive Director – Mr. Grafton met with Representative Rodney Alexander regarding Runway extension project. Mr. Grafton acknowledged Mr. Larry Mathews with TRC regarding Industrial Park

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Expansion and that project is proceeding on. The Runway extension will not proceed on until the money is received from the Federal Government. The other project is establishing an off-site passport office in Alexandria. *Financial Report for May:* Revenues were on target, expenditures were under. *Comparative Air Traffic Report:* Great July, up 15% commercially. 17% overall. Brings us up to 8% overall for the year in commercial air traffic. Airport operation is just slightly down. Airport reported that over 8 million pounds of cargo had been transported to date. Monthly report average of cars – July of last year, averaged approximately 325 cars in parking lot. Year before, averaged about 310, this July, the average was 433 cars.

Public Comments or Questions - None

UPON TWO-THIRDS VOTE, MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND DISCUSS LAWSUIT #228,410 GRAY-WALK HOLDINGS VS EEIDD.

Motion by **Mr. Denley**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, upon two-thirds vote, motion to enter into Executive Session and discuss lawsuit # 228,410 Gray-Walk Holdings VS EEIDD. On vote, motion carried. **089-2007**

(At this time, board entered into Executive Session).

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, second by **Mr. Gaines**, to exit Executive Session. On vote, motion carried.

Motion by **Mr. Denley**, second by **Mr. Bushnell** to add the following item to agenda:

Motion to waive policy relative to advance funding of legal costs for employees sued personally for allegations of acting beyond scope of authority as it relates to Mr. Jon Grafton in defending Gray-Walk lawsuit. The motion was approved without objection.

MOTION TO WAIVE POLICY RELATIVE TO ADVANCE FUNDING OF LEGAL COSTS FOR EMPLOYEES SUED PERSONALLY FOR ALLEGATIONS OF ACTING BEYOND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY AS IT RELATES TO MR. JON GRAFTON IN DEFENDING GRAY-WALK LAWSUIT.

Motion by **Mr. Denley**, second by **Mr. Bushnell** to waive policy relative to advance funding of legal costs for employees sued personally for allegations of acting beyond scope of authority as it relates to Mr. Jon Grafton in defending Gray-Walk lawsuit. On vote, motion carried. **090-2007**

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

William Barron, Chairman
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Richard Bushnell, Secretary/Treasurer
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