

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION **December 18, 2003**

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, December 18, 2003.**

There were present: Mr. Wayne Miller, Chairman; Ms. Bridgett Brown, Vice-Chairman, Mr. William Barron, Mr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. Mike Tudor, Mr. Martin Johnson and Mr. Charles Waites.

Absent: Mr. Wayne Denley, Mr. Kit Provine

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

Commissioner Waites offered the invocation and Commissioner Barron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2003 REGULAR BOARD MEETING,
Motion by **Mr. Gaines** seconded by **Mr. Barron** to approve Minutes from the November 20, 2003 Regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **129-2003**

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S BILL FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2003.
Motion by **Mr. Gaines**, seconded by **Mr. Bushnell** to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of November, 2003. On vote, motion carried. **130-2003**

RECEIVED AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003
Mr. James Ballard, with Payne, Moore & Herrington submitted to the Board the audit report for the fiscal year. Mr. Ballard informed the Commissioners that Payne, Moore & Herrington was delivering a clean opinion for the Authority's operations for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2003.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILL FOR BOND COUNSEL, FOLEY, JUDELL, L.L.P. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION #044-02 AND RESOLUTION #107-03.
Motion by **Mr. Waites**, seconded by **Mr. Barron** to authorize payment of bill for bond counsel, Foley, Judell, L.L.P. in accordance with Resolution #044-02 and Resolution #107-03. On vote, motion carried. **131-2003**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE LA. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR CALVARY INDUSTRY PROJECT AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.
Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** to authorize the Executive Director to accept the Economic Development Awards Program Grant from the LA. Department of Economic Development for Calvary Industry project and execute any and all documents related thereto. On vote, motion carried. **132-2003**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AEX TO BECOME OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF PROPOSED TIGHT LIES TOUR PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN JULY, 2004 AT OAKWING GOLF COURSE AT A COST OF \$5,000.00.

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Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Bushnell**, to authorize AEX to become official sponsor of proposed Tight Lies Tour Professional Golf Tournament to be held in July, 2004 at OakWing Golf Course at a cost of \$5,000.00. On vote, motion carried. **133-2003**

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE PEST CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ORKIN PEST CONTROL TO ADD BUILDINGS.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, seconded by **Mr. Barron**, authorizing the Executive Director to execute Amendment #1 to the Pest Control Services Agreement with Orkin Pest Control to add buildings. On vote, motion carried. **134-2003**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEW PASSENGER TERMINAL.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, seconded by **Mr. Johnson** to authorize the advertisement for bids for construction of Alexandria Airport New Passenger Terminal. On vote, motion carried. **135-2003**

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA (BY 2/3 VOTE)

Motion by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Mr. Gaines** to add following item:

MOTION AMENDING BUDGET FOR 2003/2004 TO CREATE ONE PROJECT INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SECRETARY POSITION TO SUPPORT INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE AEX TERMINAL PROJECT AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$28,500.00.

Chairman Wayne Miller requested a roll call vote:

Mr. Barron - Nay	Mr. Johnson - Nay
Ms. Brown - Nay	Mr. Miller - Yea
Mr. Bushnell - Nay	Mr. Tudor - Yea
Mr. Denley - Absent	Mr. Waites - Nay
Mr. Gaines - Yea	Mr. Provine - Absent

Yea _3_ Nay _5_ Absent _2_

On vote, motion failed.

Comments by Legal Counsel – England Authority Counsel, Albin Provosty, stated to the board that the issue of a payment submitted by Ms. Barbara Downs for work that was done in development of the final plans of the PARC England Hotel was brought up because it had not been honored. The question had been put to the commissioners in past, that upon approval of legal counsel, the invoice should be honored. After counsel had looked into the issue, it had been determined that there was never an enabling motion to authorize the work. Ms. Downs had met with the advisory group and had outlined the things that were asked of her. However, there was a failure to get the item on the agenda. The work was done by her, and was accepted by the commission and Counsel believed that she deserved to be paid. Rightfully, Staff did not have authority to pay the invoice until it had a motion authorizing it.

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Waites** to add item to agenda:

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MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PAY INVOICE SUBMITTED BY MS. BARBARA DOWNS FOR DESIGN WORK ON PARC ENGLAND HOTEL UPON REVIEW AND SUPPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL.

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Waites** to authorize Executive Director to pay invoice submitted by Ms. Barbara Downs for design work on PARC England Hotel upon review and support of legal counsel.
On vote, motion carried. **136-03**

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – None

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Grafton thanked the board and staff for the many expressions of personal sympathy last month which was very much appreciated by his family.

Public Comments or Questions – Mr. Tudor and the Mardi Gras Association invited everyone to attend the kick-off Epiphany at St. Rita's Catholic Church on January 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Barron** to enter into Executive Session to discuss the status of the following lawsuits:

1. Civil Suit Number 199,141, Division AD@
Marvin Pierce and David Tindall, III versus England
Economic & Industrial Development District, Sammy Bonnette, Jon Grafton and XYZ
Insurance Company
Ninth Judicial District Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana
2. Civil Suit Number 199,514, Division AF@
Theodore Foster versus England Economic & Industrial Development District,
Sammy Bonnette, Jon Grafton and XYZ Insurance Company
Ninth Judicial District Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana
3. Civil Suit Number 210,104, Division E
Central Electric Company of Alexandria, Inc. versus England Economic & Industrial
Development District,
Ninth Judicial District Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana
4. To discuss status of legal claim of EEIDD vs. Newgent Golf

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Barron** to exit Executive Session.

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

Wayne Miller, Chairman

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C. E. Provine, Secretary/Treasurer

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