

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **REGULAR SESSION JULY 24, 2008**

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, July 24, 2008 at 4:59 p.m.**

Chairman Gaines called for a roll call.

There were present: Mr. Curman Gaines, Chairman; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Wayne Denley, Mr. Lance Harris, Charles Waites and Mr. Charlie Weems.

Absent: William Barron, Mark Brown, Martin Johnson, Willie Spears.

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 Weems led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Gaines acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Martin Johnson and Mr. Mark Brown effective June 30, 2008.

Consent Calendar

Chairman Gaines asked for a motion to approve consent calendar for items #1 through #5.

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Waites** to approve consent agenda items #1 through #5. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2008, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve Minutes of June 26, 2008, regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **060-2008**

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF PROVOSTY BILL FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2008.

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of June, 2008. On vote, motion carried. **061-2008**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FOR SECURITY AT ENGLAND AIRPARK FROM JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009.

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to renew contract with Rapides Parish Sheriff Department for security at England Airpark from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. On vote, motion carried. **062-2008**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN LEASE BETWEEN EEIDD AND THE UNITED STATES MARSHALL SERVICE.

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to sign lease between EEIDD and the United States Marshall service. On vote, motion carried. **063-2008**

**MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATE OF
SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR DEMOLITION OF ENGLAND VILLAGE APARTMENTS.**

Motion by Mr. Harris, second by Mr. Waites, to authorize Executive Director to sign lease between EEIDD and the United States Marshall service. On vote, motion carried. **064-2008.**

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

Comments by Legal Counsel – None

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – Chairman Gaines stated that he had picked up some of his family members and they had commented on how clean the airpark grounds were and what a beautiful airport AEX is. Mr. Gaines wanted to especially thank Mr. Grafton and staff for an excellent job on maintaining the airpark.

Staff Report – a. Economic Development: Aviation Partnership of Louisiana, a group of airports around LA working to move the aviation industry forward in the State, and are working on an aviation industry economic impact study which would let AEX know where we are in the state and what can be done to move the aviation industry forward. Mr. Williams also stated that he would be developing more activities at the airpark during the next year, especially in the spring and the fall.

b. Executive Director: Letters were sent to Mayor Roy and Richard Billings, President of Rapides Parish Police Jury, regarding the appointment process for two new commissioners.

A report by Scott Gammel was handed out to Commissioners concerning DBE participation. The Airpark is meeting all DBE goals.

Comparative Air Traffic Report – June report was down from last year by 8%. Down 4% for the year. Airport operations are down and military cargo is down. Fuel sales are up over previous year by 12%.
Financial Report: Finished year collecting 99.86% of budgeted revenues and expended 90.67% of budgeted expenditures.

Public Comments or Questions – Heard comments from Mr. Fred Rosenfeld, owner of Parc England Hotel/Bistro on the Bayou, regarding the need to place signage visibility on these two buildings. After a broad discussion, Board agreed that Mr. Rosenfeld should proceed with additional advertising.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Curman Gaines, Chairman

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William Barron, Secretary/Treasurer

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