

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 25, 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, October 25, 2007**.

There were present: Mr. William Barron, Chairman; Mr. Curman Gaines, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Secretary/Treasurer; Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Lance Harris, Mr. Martin Johnson, Mr. Willie Spears 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 Bushnell gave the invocation and Commissioner Gaines 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 through #9.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites** to approve consent agenda items #1 through #9. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve Minutes from the September 25, 2007, regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **103-2007**

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

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of September, 2007. On vote, motion carried. **104-2007**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A LEASE BETWEEN EEIDD AND BOLLINGER CONSTRUCTION.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to sign a lease between EEIDD and Bollinger Construction. On vote, motion carried. **105-2007**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EEIDD AND LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FILM MARKETING INITIATIVE AND TO REIMBURSE THE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU FOR EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THIS INITIATIVE OUT OF THESE GRANT FUNDS.

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Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to sign a grant agreement between EEIDD and Louisiana Economic Development for the film marketing initiative and to reimburse the Convention Visitors Bureau for expenditures related to this initiative out of these grant funds. On vote, motion carried. **106-2007**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EEIDD AND LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO UPGRADE EEIDD WEBSITE.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to authorize Executive Director to sign a grant agreement between EEIDD and Louisiana Economic Development to upgrade EEIDD website. On vote, motion carried. **107-2007**

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION REQUESTING LADOTD, DIVISION OF AVIATION, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS AIRPORT RELATED PROJECTS AT ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS OUTLINED IN THE APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DATED OCTOBER 25, 2007.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to adopt resolution requesting LADOTD, Division of Aviation, to provide assistance for construction of various airport related projects at Alexandria International Airport as outlined in the Application for State Financial Assistance dated October 25, 2007. On vote, motion carried. **108-2007**

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SPONSOR/STATE AGREEMENT #940-04-0026 BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE EEIDD TO UPDATE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to adopt resolution authorizing Executive Director to execute Sponsor/State Agreement #940-04-0026 between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the EEIDD to Update Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan. On vote, motion carried. **109-2007**

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SPONSOR/STATE AGREEMENT #940-04-0027 BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE EEIDD TO RECONSTRUCT TERMINAL COMPLEX-PHASE X OF X (OLD TERMINAL DEMOLITION); SECURITY EQUIPMENT; ACQUIRE RUNWAY SWEEPER.

Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to adopt resolution authorizing Executive Director to execute Sponsor/State Agreement #940-04-0027 between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the EEIDD to Reconstruct Terminal Complex-Phase X of X (Old Terminal Demolition); Security Equipment; Acquire Runway Sweeper. On vote, motion carried. **110-2007**

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SPONSOR/STATE AGREEMENT #940-04-0028 BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE EEIDD FOR PART 150 NOISE MITIGATION PROGRAM.

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Motion by **Mr. Bushnell**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to adopt resolution authorizing Executive Director to execute Sponsor/State Agreement #940-04-0028 between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the EEIDD for Part 150 Noise Mitigation Program. On vote, motion carried. **111-2007**

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

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Spears**, to add following motion to the agenda:

Motion to approve funding for the Bayou Classic Economic Summit up to the amount of \$20,000.00 in cooperation with the City of Alexandria, City of Pineville, GAEDA, Rapides Parish School Board, and Convention Visitors Bureau.

Upon 2/3 vote, motion was added.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by **Mr. Waites**, second by **Mr. Harris** to amend motion to approve funding for the Bayou Classic Economic Summit in the amount of \$7,500 at present time and then review at November meeting based on Mr. William's report. Discussion ensued. On vote, the amendment carried.

The Chairman called for a vote on the amended motion as follows:

Motion to approve funding for the Bayou Classic Economic Summit in the amount of \$7,500.00 at present time and then review at November meeting based on Mr. William's report.

MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE BAYOU CLASSIC ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 AT PRESENT TIME AND THEN REVIEW AT NOVEMBER MEETING BASED ON MR. WILLIAM'S REPORT.

Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Waites**, to approve funding for the Bayou Classic Economic Summit in the amount of \$7,500.00 at present time and then review at November meeting based on Mr. William's report. Amended motion was voted on as follows: Yea: 6 Nay: 2 Absent: 2

On vote, motion carried. **112-2007**

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

Motion requesting support of Representative DeWitt and Senator McPherson of Capital Outlay applications, more specifically described as: Union Tank Car North Industrial Park Improvements; Warehouse/Distribution complex.

By unanimous vote, motion was added to agenda.

MOTION REQUESTING SUPPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT AND SENATOR MCPHERSON OF CAPITAL OUTLAY APPLICATIONS, MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS: UNION TANK CAR NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS; WAREHOUSE/DISTRIBUTION COMPLEX.

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Motion by **Mr. Harris**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, requesting support of Representative DeWitt and Senator McPherson of Capital Outlay applications, more specifically described as: Union Tank Car North Industrial Park Improvements; Warehouse/Distribution complex. On vote, motion carried. **113-2007**.

Comments by Legal Counsel – None

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – Mr. Gaines recognized Commissioner Lance Harris for his promotion to President and Chief Operating Officer of Dagwood Corporation.

Ms. Brown would like staff to look into reimbursement for travel to 2006 Bayou Classic in New Orleans and ACI travel in June, 2007, to Atlanta, GA.

Staff Report –

a. Economic Development - Mr. Williams, Mr. Elton Pody with the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Clifford Moller from GAEDA, Mr. Bill Hess from the City of Alexandria and Mr. Grafton attended a briefing on October 18, in Bossier City, concerning the Cyber Command that is to be located in Bossier City and Barksdale Air Force Base.

b. Executive Director –Comparative Air Traffic Report: Up 12% for the year at this point. So far, have done 108,579 enplanements through September. Have done a total of 9.5 million pounds of cargo have gone through the airport this year. Airport Operations: There are two major units deploying out of Fort Polk towards the end of the year and first part of next year. Financial Report: 25% of the budget year has been adopted. Have collected 23.6% of the revenue and expended 21% of the budget.

Public Comments or Questions - None

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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