

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION **FEBRUARY
24, 2000**

The **England Economic and Industrial Development District** met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the England Authority Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, February 24, 2000**, at 4:30 p.m. (Central Standard Time)

There were present: Mr. Michael Tudor, Chairman; Mr. Martin Johnson, Vice Chairman; Mr. Kit Provine, Secretary/Treasurer; Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Hank Bruser, Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. Elwood Carroll, Mr. Gene Cotton, Mr. Lane Cripps, and Mr. Alvin Mykoff.

Also present were: City of Alexandria, Chief of Staff, Mr. Harold Chambers, Rapides Parish Policy Jury member, Mr. Richard Billings, former England Authority Commissioner, Mr. Charlie Stewart, Mr. Jon Grafton, Executive Director, England Authority senior staff members, full-time and temporary employees of the England Authority, tenants of England Airpark, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

Mr. Tudor asked that we observe a few moments of silent prayer. Ms. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE PUBLISHED AGENDA

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** to approve the published agenda. On vote, motion carried. **010-2000**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Bushnell** to enroll published additions to the agenda. **Ms. Brown** offered an amendment to address each addition to the agenda on an individual basis, **Mr. Cripps** accepted the amended motion.

1. Motion authorizing the Executive Director to execute lease between the EEIDD and Indiana National Guard for space in building 2102.
By unanimous roll call vote, this item was added to the agenda.
2. Motion to obtain independent counsel for representation of the

Authority and/or Jon Grafton from this point forward in the Ewing, Coon and Slowinski law suit. By unanimous roll call vote, this item was added to the agenda.

3. Motion to obtain independent counsel to launch a review of the facts and circumstances and personalities previously investigated by both the Grand Jury and the State Ethics Board. By unanimous roll call vote, this item was added to the agenda.

At this time, Ms. Brown left the meeting.

4. Motion to terminate Jon Grafton as Executive Director of the EEIDD. The Chairman called for a roll call vote, the results follow:

Ms. Brown	Absent
Mr. Bruser	No
Mr. Bushnell	Yes
Mr. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Cotton	No
Mr. Cripps	Yes
Mr. Johnson	No
Mr. Mykoff	No
Mr. Provine	Yes
Mr. Tudor	Yes

This item failed for lack of 2/3 vote.

5. Motion to terminate the Provosty Law Firm as legal counsel for the EEIDD. The Chairman called for a roll call vote, the results follow:

Ms. Brown	Absent
Mr. Bruser	No
Mr. Bushnell	Yes
Mr. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Cotton	No
Mr. Cripps	Yes
Mr. Johnson	No
Mr. Mykoff	No
Mr. Provine	Yes
Mr. Tudor	Yes

This item failed for lack of 2/3 vote.

The Chairman then moved to the adopted agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Mykoff** to approve Minutes from the January 27, 2000, Regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **011-2000**

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' BILL

Motion by **Mr. Provine**, seconded by **Mr. Johnson** to approve payment of attorneys' bill for the month of January, 2000. On vote, motion carried. **012-2000**

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE UTILITY SERVITUDE

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** authorizing the Executive Director to execute Utility Servitude with the City of Alexandria. On vote, motion carried. **013-2000**

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN AMENDMENT #1 TO TAXI CAB/SHUTTLE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Bushnell** authorizing the Executive Director to sign Amendment #1 to Taxi Cab/Shuttle License Agreement with Cenla Taxi & Courier, Inc. for taxi service at AEX. On vote, motion carried. **014-2000**

At this time, Ms. Brown joined the meeting in progress.

MOTION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH CHARBONNET & ASSOCIATES

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Bruser** authorizing the Executive Director to execute contract with Charbonnet & Associates for DBE consulting services. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. On vote, motion carried. **015-2000**

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by **Mr. Bruser**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** to enter into Executive Session to discuss consolidated Civil Suits 193,057, 193,098, 193,042 on the Docket of the Ninth Judicial District Court for Rapides Parish, Louisiana filed by Ewing, Coon and Slowinski against the England Economic & Industrial Development District, et. al. **Ms. Brown** offered a motion to address added agenda items #1, #2 and #3 in advance of the Executive Session. **Mr. Cripps** seconded the motion. Mr. Cripps asked for and received a point of personal privilege from the Chair and recognized Mr. Mike Johnson. Mr. Johnson asked the Board to reconsider adding Items #4 and #5 from the Additions to the Agenda, if the Board was considering amending the Agenda at this time. **Mr. Cotton** offered a substitute motion, seconded by **Mr. Bruser**, that the Board continue with the Agenda as published. The Chairman called for a roll call vote, the results follow:

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Mr. Bruser	Yes
Mr. Bushnell	Yes
Mr. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Cripps	Yes
Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. Mykoff	Yes
Mr. Provine	Yes
Mr. Tudor	No

9 - Yes; 1 - No. The motion carried to continue with the Agenda as published.

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Bushnell** to conduct Executive Session in open session. After discussion, Mr. Cripps withdrew his motion. **Mr. Bruser** offered a motion to enter into Executive Session, **Ms. Brown** seconded the motion. The Chairman called for a roll call vote, upon unanimous roll call vote the Board entered into Executive Session. **Mr. Bruser** offered a motion to invite Mr. Provosty and Mr. Grafton to attend the Executive Session. **Mr. Cripps** offered a substitute motion to add an invitation to Mr. Mike Johnson if/or when he was so needed. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Johnson**. The Chairman called for a roll call vote, the results follow:

Ms. Brown	No
Mr. Bruser	Yes
Mr. Bushnell	Yes
Mr. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Cripps	Yes
Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. Mykoff	Yes
Mr. Provine	Yes
Mr. Tudor	Yes

9 - Yes; 1 - No. The motion carried to add an invitation to Mr. Mike Johnson if/or when he was needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONDUCTED

Motion by **Mr. Cotton**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to exit the previously authorized Executive Session. Upon unanimous roll call vote, the Chairman called the meeting back to order and back into public session.

MOTION TO EXECUTE LEASE WITH INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Mykoff** authorizing the Executive Director to execute lease between the EEIDD and Indiana National Guard for space in building 2102. On vote, motion carried. **016-2000**

MOTION TO OBTAIN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE AUTHORITY AND/OR JON GRAFTON IN THE EWING, COON AND SLOWINSKI LAW SUIT

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Bruser** to obtain independent counsel for representation of the Authority and/or Jon Grafton from this point forward in the Ewing, Coon and Slowinski law suit. Mr. Albin Provosty addressed the Board. After comments from Mr. Cotton, Mr. Bruser and Ms. Brown the Chairman called for a roll call vote, the results follow:

Ms. Brown	Yes
Mr. Bruser	Yes
Mr. Bushnell	No
Mr. Carroll	No
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Cripps	No
Mr. Johnson	No
Mr. Mykoff	Recused himself
Mr. Provine	No
Mr. Tudor	No

3 - Yes, 6 - No, 1 - Recused. The motion failed.

MOTION TO OBTAIN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO LAUNCH A REVIEW OF MATTERS PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Bushnell** to obtain independent counsel to launch a review of the facts and circumstances and personalities previously investigated by both the Grand Jury and the State Ethics Board. There were comments from Mr. Mike Small, Mr. Bruser, and Mr. Cripps. Mr. Kevin Brown, Finance Manager for the England Authority read a letter addressed to the Board and signed by all England Authority employees. Mr. Mike Johnson addressed the Board followed by Mr. Bruser and Mr. Small. The Chairman called for a roll call vote, the results follow:

Ms. Brown	No
Mr. Bruser	Yes
Mr. Bushnell	No
Mr. Carroll	No
Mr. Cotton	No
Mr. Cripps	No
Mr. Johnson	No
Mr. Mykoff	No
Mr. Provine	No
Mr. Tudor	No

1 - Yes, 9 - No. The motion failed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Due to the lateness of the hour, reports from the Executive Director, Director of Operations, and Director of Economic Development were deferred to the March meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Albert Ducote, III, Landside Superintendent for the England Authority addressed the Board followed by Mr. Albert Ducote, II.

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

Michael Tudor, Chairman

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Kit Provine, Secretary-Treasurer

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