# THE ENGLAND AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING October 15, 1992 England Authority Board Room

-CALLED MEETING-

The England Authority Board of Commissioners met in the England Authority Board Room, located in Building 1803, EAFB, Alexandria, Louisiana. Public officials and members of the public and press were invited.

Board members present were:

George Thompson, Vice-Chairman

Jack DeWitt, Secretary/Treasurer

John Brewer Gene Cotton Susan Jaques Garland Lawrence Myron Lawson

Commissioner absent were:

Jim Meyer, Chairman

Hank Bruser Barry Hines

Also present were James Holderread, Joe Slowinski, Renae Saathoff, Albin Provosty, Atty., and members of the public and media.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Thompson. Roll was called determining that a quorum was present.

#### **AGENDA**

Motion made by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Brewer, to add to the agenda two motions for consideration: 1) Motion to recommend employment of a MAI appraiser to conduct appraisals of properties at England AFB in conjunction with requests by reuse clients, and 2) Motion to authorize the employment of a consultant to provide marketing services related to International Air Cargo airlines for a period from November 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. On vote, the motion carried.

# GREINER CONTRACT EXTENSION

James Holderread explained that the England Authority has received a cooperative agreement proposal for the Caretaker contract from the USAF. He stated that the document is substantial and covers a multitude of subjects, it in turn requires a technical response. Mr. Holderread explained that he and Mr. Meyer had discussed the possibility of Greiner handling this matter and had set the dollar figure at \$45,260 for this extension of the existing Greiner contract for this purpose. He later explained that the England Authority will need to take up the Caretaker responsibilities as soon as November 15, 1992.

Motion made by Commissioner Brewer, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve Amendment #6 to extend the Greiner contract and provide \$45,260 to obtain assistance from the Greiner Team in preparing a Technical Execution Plan (TEP) in

response to the Draft Cooperative Agreement and Requirements Statement related to the Base Caretaker responsibilities. On vote, the motion carried.

# RAPIDES HOUSING & MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

Commissioner DeWitt presented the Board members with a copy of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the England Authority and the Rapides Housing & Mortgage Finance Authority. He explained that this would be a "grant" until the England Authority could apply to the Bond Commission to borrow the money needed to purchase the Morale, Welfare and Recreation equipment. James Holderread explained that the purchase will be made within the next week.

Motion made by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to authorize the England Authority to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Rapides Housing & Mortgage Finance Authority for the purpose of borrowing \$325,000 to provide payment of the purchase of Morale, Welfare and Recreation equipment at England Air Force Base. On vote, the motion carried.

# LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION LOAN

Motion made by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Brewer, authorizing the England Authority to apply to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for permission to repay the Rapides Housing and Mortgage Finance Authority the \$325,000 made available, over a period of 5 years at an interest rate of six and one-half percent per annum. On vote, the motion carried.

# MILITARY "FINAL RETREAT" CEREMONY

James Holderread gave credit to Chairman Meyer for the original idea for the "Final Retreat" ceremony and further described the ceremony as a celebration to pay tribute to the USAF for the tremendous contribution they have made over the years to the CENLA community. He says the ceremony will be a "changing of the guard" with the Air Force lowering their flag and the England Authority raising theirs.

Motion made by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Cotton, to proceed with plans for a Final Retreat Ceremony, December 15, 1992, in honor of the contribution the U. S. Air Force has made to the CENLA region through England AFB. On vote, the motion carried.

# JOINING KISATCHIE-DELTA AS PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Commissioner Lawrence explained that Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District's involvement in the development of the Port, and the benefits of the England Authority's joining them to continue facilitation of the development of the port. Joining of Kisatchie-Delta will also make available grants for the Port facility and also the Airpark. James Holderread further addressed the monetary benefits of joining the local economic development agency interface organization (Kisatchie-Delta). Grant funds are then made available to assist closing military bases.

Motion made by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Lawson, to authorize the England Authority to join Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning and Development District as the representatives of Rapides Parish. Motion includes the

authorization of the Executive Director to proceed with the action to join Kisatchie-Delta with payment of dues for the remainder of 1992 at \$1,000. On vote, the motion carried.

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Cotton, to reconsider the original motion to extend the Greiner contract to include the amendment of the England Authority budget to allow payment to Greiner for the extension, in the amount of \$45,260. On vote, the motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Brewer, to amend the original motion to join Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District to include the amendment of the England Authority budget to cover the expense of joining Kisatchie-Delta. On vote, the motion carried.

# MAI APPRAISER EMPLOYMENT

Commissioner Lawrence presented his views regarding the hiring of a MAI appraiser, He explained the benefits of hiring one appraiser to perform necessary appraisals for the England Authority. Discussion resulted regarding the possibility of "rotating" MAI appraisers from our area to insure that all interested appraisers are offered the opportunity for the work. Concern for the method of payment to the MAI appraiser was also mentioned. James Holderread related to the Board the extent of the document received following a MAI appraisal. He then explained the substantial savings that would result from utilizing the same appraiser for each job, since the appraiser's knowledge from prior Airpark appraisals would be beneficial in processing future Airpark appraisals.

Motion made by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Lawson, authorizing the Executive Director to hire a MAI appraiser to conduct appraisals of properties at EAFB in conjunction with requests by reuse clients. Motion amended by Commissioner Cotton, seconded by Commissioner DeWitt, to include the acceptance of proposals from all local MAI's, then proceed to hire one, or more than one MAI appraiser to then rotate appraisal duties. Decision as to the number of MAI appraisers to be hired to be done at the discretion of the Executive Director following his review of proposals. On vote, the motion carried.

# MARKETING SERVICE CONSULTANT

Commissioner Lawrence explained that prior visits and future prospects within the International category indicate to the England Authority the need for immediate attention to the possibility of contracting a consultant to provide marketing services of this type.

Motion made by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner DeWitt, to authorize the Executive Director and the Chairman to negotiate a contract for a consultant to provide marketing services related to International Air Cargo airlines for a period from November 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. Contract to be brought before the Legal and Personnel Committee following their findings. On vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Cotton requested that the agenda for the next Board of Commissioner's regular monthly meeting include discussion for the interim and permanent supplying of utilities to present and future clients.

Following determination that there was no further business to be discussed, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence. The meeting adjourned at 4:40p.m.

#### RECONVENE

Motion made by Commissioner Cotton, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to reconvene the Board of Commissioner's called meeting for the purpose of rescheduling the regular monthly meeting. On vote, the motion carried and the Board of Commissioner's called meeting reconvened at 5:02 p.m.

# RESCHEDULE OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING DATE

Motion made by Commissioner Cotton, seconded by Commissioner Lawson, to reschedule the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners from Thursday, October 22, 1992, to October 29, 1992 at 4:00 p.m. On vote, the motion carried.

It was determined that there was no further business to come before the Board and motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Lawson. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:	Minutes accepted by:	
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