THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **REGULAR SESSION AUGUST 28, 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, August 28, 2008 at 4:51 p.m.**

Chairman Gaines called for a roll call.

There were present: Mr. Curman Gaines, Chairman; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Vice-Chairman, Mr. William Barron, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Wayne Denley, Mr. Dennis Frazier, Mr. Lance Harris, Mr. Willie Spears, and Mr. Charles S. Weems, III.

Absent: Martin Johnson, Charlie Waites.

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 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.

Consent Calendar

Chairman Gaines asked for a motion to approve consent calendar for items #1 through #4. Motion by **Mr. Barron**, second by **Mr. Harris** to approve consent agenda items #1 through #4. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2008, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Barron**, second by **Mr. Harris**, to approve Minutes of July 24, 2008, regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **065-2008**

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY TO AMEND FINANCIAL POLICIES TO REQUIRE DUAL OFFICER AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT.

Motion by **Mr. Barron**, second by **Mr. Harris**, to adopt policy to amend financial polices to require dual officer authorization for electronic payment. On vote, motion carried. **066-2008**

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

Motion by **Mr. Barron**, second by **Mr. Harris**, to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of July, 2008. On vote, motion carried. **067-2008**

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR CLEARING AND GRUBBING OF APPROXIMATELY 20.3 ACRES OFF RUNWAY 18.

Motion by **Mr. Barron**, second by **Mr. Harris**, authorizing the Executive Director to execute Certificate of Substantial Completion for clearing and grubbing of approximately 20.3 acres off Runway 18. On vote, motion carried. **068-2008**

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA (by unanimous consent)

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Comments by Legal Counsel - None

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – None

Staff Report – a. Economic Development: Mr. Williams stated that the Rapides Junior Runners are tentatively scheduled to race on November 1st. Also, the Annual fall golf event will take place on November 6th. Mr. Williams also briefed the board regarding a location scout from Mansfield Studios in Shreveport visited with him in regards to a possible film location.

b. Executive Director- November 7th has been set for the grand opening of the FBO. *Comparative Air Traffic Report* – July, 08 compared to previous year, Commercial down 7%. Down 4% for the year. *Load factors*: 66% - Continental; 76% - ASA; 72% - Northwest; 63% - American. American will be getting regional jets October 1st. Airport operations are down and military cargo is down. Fuel sales were up over previous year by 12%. *Financial Report*: 8.3% through fiscal Year and collected 7.3% of revenues and are on track for first month.

c. Operations- Mr. Hair stated that he and his crew have made preparations for Hurricane Gustav.

Public Comments or Questions - None

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

Curman Gaines, Chairman

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William Barron, Secretary/Treasurer

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