MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

March 3, 1992

A special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the England Economic and Industrial Development District to which legislators, public officials and members of the public and press had been invited to attend was held on Tuesday, March 3, 1992 at 4:15 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

Those Commissioners present were Jim Meyer, George Thompson, Barry Hines, Hank Bruser, Myron Lawson, and John Brewer. Commissioners Susan Jacques, Garland Lawrence and Gene Cotton were absent.

Also present were Lurlene Ard, Col. Louis Weber, Harold Smith, Bruce Capps, Rod Noles, Bill Branch, Jim Holmes, Carole Warner, Charles Saucier, Richard Brackney and members of the press.

It was determined that a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Meyer.

The agenda was accepted by consensus with two additions to the written agenda: Item V. Report from Heritage Park Committee and Item VI. Report from Liaison with Retired Military Committee.

Report from Base Reuse Committee -
Chairman Jim Meyer presented the following resolution to be considered by the Board for action:

Resolution:
Resolved that the Reuse Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners of the England Economic and Industrial Development District that the Scope of Services and cost proposal for the "Strategic Reuse Plan for England Air Force Base to Become the England Industrial Airpark and Community", dated February 26, 1992, submitted by the Greiner Consultant Team, as revised during the negotiation conference held on Friday, February 27, 1992, be approved, with the following stipulations:

(1) that the total proposed cost was generally acceptable, subject to FAA and OEA approval, and the availability of funds.

(2) the accumulated cost would not exceed $175,000 until the grant awards from FAA and OEA were accepted.

On motion by Com. Thompson and seconded by Com. Lawson, the motion was carried with Com. Bruser abstaining.
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Report of Policy, Procedure, Personnel, and Legal Committee

Committee Chairman Bruser made the following recommendation from the Policy, Procedure, Personnel and Legal Committee:

The law firm of Provosty, Sadler and DeLanuey be accepted as legal counsel for England Economic and Industrial Development District at the following rates:

$95.00 per hour for senior partners
$85.00 per hour for junior and associate partners
$40.00 per hour for paralegal
Any out of pocket expenses incurred
Motion was made by Com. Bruser and seconded by Com. Hines to accept the recommendation of the committee.

Question was called for.

Com. Thompson questioned whether or not this award would be in violation of Minority Set-Aside rules. It was determined that this is not the case.

The motion was carried with Com. Brewer abstaining from the vote.

Heritage Park Report

In the absence of Com. Chairman Gene Cotton, Colonel Louis Weber gave the following report:

The P-40 Warhawk will be removed from the Heritage Park at the Base before the Base Closes. The Committee is recommending making a request to the City of Alexandria to move the F-84 which is now in City Park and display it out in Heritage Park. Air Force officials have agreed to refurbish the F-84 to near-flying condition. There has been no firm commitment as to the status of the F-86, but members of the Committee spoke with Mr. Rittenhouse of the Pentagon and have been assured of the support of his department. The A-37 is still not available.

Motion was made by Com. Brewer and seconded by Com. Thompson to request the Air Force, subject to the approval of the Alexandria City Council to move the F-84 to Heritage Park and install it, refurbished, on the P-40 pedestal. Motion was carried.

Liaison with Retired Military Committee

Com. Thompson presented a resolution (see attachment) from the Retired Military Committee concerning continued health care for retired military in this area. He asked that the Board
recognize Col. Louis Weber and Mr. Harold Smith for further discussion of this resolution. Mr. Smith discussed the resolution as well as the urgency of the timing. Com. Thompson made the motion to adopt the resolution.

After considerable discussion concerning the resolution and in view of the fact that the resolution will have to have some editing, it was generally felt that the best course of action would be to endorse the resolution and send a letter of support to proper officials.

After discussion, Com. Hines made a substitute motion to send a letter of endorsement along with the amended resolution to the state's congressional delegation. Com. Brewer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business Com. Thompson moved for adjournment and Com. Hines seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Jack DeWitt
Secretary/Treasurer

James L. Meyer
Chairman