

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 1, 1991

The regular 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 Friday, November 1, 1991 at 7:35 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Alexandria City Hall.

Those Commissioners present at the Board meeting were Jim Meyer, Garland Lawrence, Susan Jaques, Myron Lawson, Barry Hines, Jack DeWitt, Hank Bruser, John Brewer and George Thompson. Commissioner Gene Cotton was absent.

Also present were Mayor Ned Randolph, Elton Pody, Dee Gilbert, Martha Bergstrom, Jack Brittain, Harold Smith, Col. Mac McBurney, Ricky Sooter, Marion Chaney, Pat Douget, Richard Brackney, Marvin Lemmons, Robert Bolton, Heather McKee, Brian Chapman, Bob Jordan, Bill Branch, Johnny Downs, Reba Harrington, Lt. Tom Witt, Bobbie Brown, Col. Louis Weber, Col. Jerry Thiels and members of the Press.

Mr. Elton Pody gave the invocation and Com. Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call and the determination that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Meyer.

Several items were added to the Agenda which was then approved by a consensus of the Board.

Legislation Mayor Ned Randolph; Jack Brittain, Sen. Johnston's Office; Martha Bergstrom, Sen. Breaux's Office; Com. Lawrence and Mr. Pody commented on the DOD announcement to give England Air Force Base to the Community through the England District following the agreement to withdraw the amendment and the efforts which prompted this decision.

Adopt Minutes On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Thompson, that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the EEIDD held September 27, 1991 be approved. On vote the motion carried.

Ret. Military Harold Smith, Chairman of the Retired Military Committee requested the minutes

reflect that the Committee's goal is for the base hospital and the proposed Retirement Complex to be used for and open to everyone and not exclusively for military retirees. He pledged their support to the Board for the total project and especially for the preservation of Heritage Park.

State DED

On behalf of the Dept. of Economic Development, Heather McKee and Brian Chapman pledged the support of DED for the District's efforts.

Amarillo Conf.

A report on the Amarillo Conference was given. Good contacts were made and questions answered at the Conference.

Interim Admin.

State Ethics Commission rendered an opinion that there is no violation in contracting with the Chamber to provide interim administrative service for the Board. On motion by Com. Hines, seconded by Com. Lawson, to approve the proposal submitted by the Chamber for this service. On vote the motion carried.

E.D. Council

Legal opinion from Mr. Wells advised that the Board is prohibited from donating money to private individuals/organizations but may enter into a contract for services with them. A representative of the Economic Development Council of the Chamber will submit a proposal to the Board for E.D. services which can be provided to the District.

Fiscal Agent

Com. DeWitt recommended that bids which had been received after advertising for a fiscal agent be rejected because conflicting information had been given to the bidders. Mr. Bolton protested the action because Rapides Bank was the only bidder that had complied with the notice.

On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Jaques, a roll call vote was called to end the debate and was as follows:

YES

John Brewer
Jack DeWitt
Barry Hines
Susan Jaques

NO

Garland Lawrence
Myron Lawson
George Thompson

Chairman Meyer and Com. Bruser recused themselves from the vote due to conflict of interest.

On roll call vote, the motion to end the debate passed 4 to 3.

On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Hines, a roll call vote was called to return the bids and readvertise for a fiscal agent.

YES

John Brewer
Jack DeWitt
Barry Hines
Susan Jaques

NO

Garland Lawrence
Myron Lawson
George Thompson

Chairman Meyer and Com. Bruser recused themselves from the vote due to conflict of interest.

On roll call vote, the motion passed 4 to 3.

Grants

Status of the OEA and DED grants was discussed. On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Lawson, to authorize negotiations with Bobbie Brown for the preparation and execution of the OEA and DED grants for the base reuse study funds, the price not to exceed \$2000. On vote the motion carried.

FAA Study

Jerry Thiels, representing the RPAA, addressed the Board on the sponsorship of the FAA feasibility study and the roles and responsibilities of both political bodies. On motion by Com. Bruser, seconded by Com. Hines, that the England District apply for the FAA grant as the sponsor of the feasibility study. A roll call vote was taken.

YES

Hank Bruser
Barry Hines

NO

Garland Lawrence
Myron Lawson
George Thompson
Jim Meyer
Susan Jaques
Jack DeWitt
John Brewer

On roll call vote, the motion was defeated 7 to 2.

More discussion resulted in a meeting being set on November 4, 1991 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall with the Base Reuse Committee and representatives of the Rapides Parish Airport Authority to resolve the question.

Resolution #3 On motion by Com. Lawson, seconded by Com. Lawrence, for the resolution governing the signing of checks by the Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Vice Chairman. On vote the motion passed.

Resolution #4 On motion by Com. Lawrence, seconded by Com. Thompson, for the resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute the Letter of Agreement between the England District and Douget Advertising for the creation of the marketing brochure and folder. On vote the motion passed.

Resolution #5 On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Lawson, for the resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements between the England District and the LA Dept. of Economic Development for the operating funds and the base reuse study funds. On vote the motion passed.

Committees Com. Bruser gave a report on the Policy, Procedures and Personnel Committee and presented their qualification statement for the position of Executive Director. On motion by Com. Bruser, seconded by Com. DeWitt to adopt the qualification statement as submitted and to approve advertising for the position of Executive Director. On vote the motion passed.


Com. Lawrence gave a report on the Economic Development Committee. He stated that their major action was the approval of the marketing brochure which needs to be produced as soon as possible.

The Heritage Park Committee was discussed and a delegate from Tourism was suggested. A visit to the Air Force Museum will be made to meet with museum officials about the Park. On motion from Com. DeWitt to authorize travel to Wright-Patterson AFB for the Committee which includes Col. Louis Weber as advisor to the Committee. On vote the motion passed. A Committee meeting will be held at the Chamber on Tuesday, November 5, 1991 at 4:00 p.m.

- Mkt. Brochure** Pat Douget of Douget Advertising presented the logo his firm had created for approval by the Board. The logo names the property the England Community and Industrial Park. On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Hines, to approve the logo and name. On vote the motion passed.
- Budget** On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Hines to adopt the final budget as presented. On vote the motion passed.
- Supplies** Com. DeWitt asked that the Board approve the ordering of official stationary, calling cards and name tags for the District. On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Thompson, to approve the ordering of the District supplies with the new logo. On vote the motion carried.
- Meeting Times** Chairman Meyer indicated the need for an acceleration of the meeting schedule to twice a month. On motion by Com. Hines, seconded by Com. Thompson, to approve a change in the meeting schedule to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 4:00 p.m. The second Monday of the month will be a meeting of all standing committees as well as a time for a special Board meeting if necessary. On vote the motion passed. The next meeting will be on November 11, 1991.
- Office Space** Chairman Meyer met with Col. Sawyer to discuss getting office space for the District at EAFB. He will make a formal request at a later date.
- Cking. Acct.** Com. DeWitt asked for approval to open a temporary checking account (30 days) for the District since the OEA funds should be coming in shortly. On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Hines, to approve opening a temporary account at Rapides Bank until a fiscal agent can be chosen. On vote the motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved, duly seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Jack DeWitt
Secretary/Treasurer


James L. Meyer
Chairman