

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the England Authority Board Room, Building 1803 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, November 14, 1996, at 5:11 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Mr. Barry Hines, *Chairman*, Ms. Bridgett Brown, *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. H. K. Stanley, *Secretary/Treasurer*, Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. Gene Cotton, Mr. Tom Fowler, Mr. Michael Tudor, Mr. George Thompson

Absent: Mr. Jim Myer and Mr. Phillip Terrell.

Also present were Chief W. Officer Carl V. Thompson, *Camp Beauregard*, Warden T. W. Thompson, Mr. Jon Grafton, *Executive Director*, members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, members of the public, press and media.

Mr. Barry Hines gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman requested a roll call. All commissioners were present except Mr. Jim Meyer and Mr. Phillip Terrell.

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

APPROVE MINUTES.

Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Provine to approve Minutes of October 24, 1996 Board of Commissioners Meeting. On vote, motion carried. 0113-1996

ENDORSE PROPOSED CAMP BEAUREGARD EXPANSION

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Tudor to endorse, encourage and support the proposed Camp Beauregard expansion by acquisition of the 10,230-acre Camp Livingston property by the Louisiana National Guard. On vote, motion carried. 0114-1996

APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S BILL.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Stanley to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of October, 1996. On vote, motion carried. 0115-1996

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PAY 1996 AD VALOREM TAXES.

Motion by Mr. Tom Fowler, seconded by Mr. Gene Cotton to authorize legal counsel and Executive Director to take such action as is necessary to make payment under protest of 1996 ad valorem taxes. On vote, motion carried. 0116-1996

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN CLECO RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUEST

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Fowler to authorize the Executive Director to sign new

CLECO right-of-way requests, after legal review. On vote, motion carried. 0117-1996

LEASE THREE VEHICLES TO CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOMES.

Motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize the Executive Director to lease three (3) vehicles to California Lutheran Homes. On vote, motion carried. 0118-1996

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LEASE WITH MAGNOLIA PRODUCE.

Motion by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize the Executive Director to execute lease agreement with Magnolia Produce for cold storage space. On vote, motion carried. 0119-1996

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LEASE WITH CLECO.

Motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize the Executive Director to execute lease agreement with CLECO for the Civil Engineering building. On vote, motion carried. 0120-1996

-ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-

AUTHORIZE KAROLYN SURGENT TO TAKE ACCOUNTING COURSE.

Motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize Karolyn Surgent to take an Accounting course at LSU-A and be reimbursed the cost of the course (\$165), provided she attains a grade of "C" or better. On vote, motion carried. 0121-1996

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE PACKAGE/TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Stanley that the England Authority staff prepare a package of professional directional signage, with traffic signals included, for access to England Airpark and Alexandria International Airport and present it to the Louisiana Department of Highways. The package is to be pre-designed, in order to expedite the approval process. The staff is to contact local representatives for assistance in expediting this package for manufacture and installation. On vote, motion carried. 0122-1996

REQUEST OVERLAYING OF "CONNECTOR" ROAD TO AIRPARK

Motion by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize the England Authority staff to prepare a package to request that the "connector" road to the Airpark be overlaid. On vote, motion carried. 0123-1996

ENGLAND AUTHORITY TO JOIN NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Cotton to have the England Authority join the National Business League (cost: \$300) and attend its Economic Summit/Banquet set for Dec. 6, 1996 at the Bentley Hotel. On vote, motion carried. 0124-1996

AUTHORIZE APPRECIATION TO WARDEN THOMPSON.

Motioned by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Thompson to present an award of appreciation to Warden T. W. Thompson. 0125-1996

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

(A) ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Grafton recognized Warden T. W. Thompson, who has been instrumental in helping England meet its manpower needs. On motion, properly seconded, the board awarded Warden T. W. Thompson the "Rising Star" award.

Mr. Grafton presented his monthly reports for the month of October. Leased commercial property is at approximately 950,000 square feet of floor space. Airport Operations are currently 11% over last years total (33,000). Fuel sales were lower. Total enplanements are at 70,000. Charter enplanements were at 500 this month. Commercial enplanements appear to be following same historical trend. Overnight car parking was approximately 3,600, generating \$13,000 in revenue; average 130-140,000 on an annual basis. Women and Minority Business purchases account for approx 33% of total purchases. Area B housing is up to 44, with 10 just recently brought on line; 10 more units coming on line in the next 30 days. Bayou LaTig rentals are ahead of this time last year.

(B) FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Slowinski presented the Financial Report through October 31, 1996. Financial Reports were contained in the binders.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Warden T. W. Thompson, on behalf of Gen. Stroud, thanked the England Authority for its support.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Mr. Cotton, seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn meeting.

Mr. Barry Hines, Chairman
*England Economic & Industrial Development District
Board of Commissioners*

Mr. H. K. Stanley, Secretary-Treasurer
*England Economic & Industrial Development District
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