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The England Economic and Industrial Development District Board of Commissioners

Regular Session
March 27, 2003

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, March 27, 2003.

There were present: Mr. Martin W. Johnson, Chairman; Mr. Wayne Miller, Vice Chairman, Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. Mike Tudor, Mr. Charles Waites, and Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. Wayne Denley and Mr. Hank Bruser.

Absent: Mr. Elwood Carroll and Ms. Bridgett Brown

Also present were: Members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

Reverend Dennis Randy Ellis, Minister of First Baptist Church in Woodworth, offered the invocation. Mr. Hare led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Provine to approve Minutes from the February 27, 2003 Regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. 019-2003

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Provine to add following items to agenda:

1. To receive schedule of paid invoices for the month of February, 2003.
2. Motion to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of February, 2003.
3. To hear report from Sammy Bonnette concerning Economic Development activities.
4. Motion to authorize Executive Director to sign cooperative endeavor agreement between EEIDD and the State of Louisiana concerning Alexandria International Airport Commercial Terminal Complex project and Access Road, Planning and Construction and designating Executive Director to act on behalf of the EEIDD.
5. To hear status reports from Mr. Grafton concerning capital projects.
6. To hear from Mr. Tudor regarding AEX/HOS marketing.

By unanimous vote, the items were added to the agenda.

TO RECEIVE SCHEDULE OF PAID INVOICES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2003.

Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Waites to receive schedule of paid invoices for the month of February, 2003. On vote, motion carried. 020-2003

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S BILL FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2003.

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Provine, to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of February, 2003. On vote, motion carried. 021-2003

TO HEAR REPORT FROM SAMMY BONNETTE CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Bonnette reported to the board regarding his attendance at the Sr. Living Symposium conducted at England Oaks with Lt. Governor Blanco also attending. Mr. Bonnette also attended the Information Technology Cluster (I.T.) meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. Met with Mr. Stagg, from Lafayette, "father of fibre optic" loop network around Lafayette. He also attended the Governor's Conference on Economic Development in Baton Rouge. The Governor and Dept. of Economic Development are pleased with what the Cluster professionals have done so far and in the future. The two main issues for LA. are Economic Development and Education.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN EEIDD AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA CONCERNING ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMERCIAL TERMINAL COMPLEX PROJECT AND ACCESS ROAD, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGNATING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE EEIDD.

Motion by Mr. Waites, second by Mr. Provine to authorize Executive Director to sign cooperative endeavor agreement between EEIDD and the State of Louisiana concerning Alexandria International Airport Commercial Terminal Complex project and access road, planning and construction and designating Executive Director to act on behalf of the EEIDD. On vote, motion carried. 022-2003

TO HEAR STATUS REPORT FROM MR. GRAFTON CONCERNING CAPITAL PROJECTS.

Mr. Grafton briefed the board concerning the status of capital projects.

(Ms. Brown arrived at meeting in progress)

TO HEAR FROM MR. TUDOR REGARDING AEX/HOS MARKETING.

There was a lengthy discussion among board members regarding how much money was set aside for advertising the Heart of Spain exhibit and Delta's new jet service at AEX. Mr. Oday Lavergne spoke on behalf of the Museum of Art regarding HOS.

Comments by Legal Counsel - None

Comments or Questions by Commissioners - Mr. Bruser raised question of report on recent staff trip.

Mr. Grafton reported to board on the FAA partnership conference. The FAA, on an annual basis, has all the airports in the southwest region to Dallas – the airport managers, operations director, executive director meet for two days and they were briefed on current regulations, what money is coming in and sidebar conversations with appropriated FAA officials.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Grafton stated that the annual crawfish boil will be May 15th after the committee meeting. There would also be a luncheon for Delta to officially inaugurate jet service on April 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Brown asked Mr. Bonnette and Mr. Grafton about opening another concession in the terminal consisting of cookies and yogurt. Mr. Grafton stated that there was not enough space available in the present terminal but a possibility in the new terminal.

Public Comments or Questions – None

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

Martin W. Johnson, Chairman
England Economic and Industrial Development District
Board of Commissioners

C. E. Provine, Secretary/Treasurer
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