

THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 27, 2007**

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, September 27, 2007.**

There were present: Mr. William Barron, Chairman; Mr. Curman Gaines, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Secretary/Treasurer; Bridget Brown, Wayne Denley, Lance Harris, Martin Johnson, Kit Provine and Willie Spears.

Absent: Mr. Charles 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 Provine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent Calendar

Chairman Barron asked for a motion to approve consent calendar for items #1 through #9.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell** to approve consent agenda items #1 through #9. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 23, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, to approve Minutes from the August 23, 2007, regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **094-2007**

MOTION TO APPOINT MR. WILLIAM BARRON, MR. KIT PROVINE AND MR. CURMAN GAINES AS INTERIM SUCCESSOR TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF THE EEIDD UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED BY THE RESPECTIVE NOMINATING ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH MEMBER.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, to appoint Mr. William Barron, Mr. Kit Provine and Mr. Curman Gaines as interim successor to serve on the board of the EEIDD until the position is filled by the respective nominating entity responsible for the appointment of such member. On vote, motion carried. **095-2007**

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2007/2008 CAPITAL BUDGETS.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, to adopt amendment #1 to the 2007/2008 Capital Budgets. On vote, motion carried. **096-2007**

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF PROVOSTY BILL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2007.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of August, 2007. On vote, motion carried. **097-2007**

MOTION AUTHORIZING LEASE RENEWAL WITH FINKIE FARMS FOR APPROXIMATELY 153.72 ACRES.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, authorizing lease renewal with Finkie Farms for approximately 153.72 acres. On vote, motion carried. **098-2007**

MOTION AUTHORIZING LEASE RENEWAL WITH FINKIE FARMS FOR APPROXIMATELY 100.80 ACRES.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, authorizing lease renewal with Finkie Farms for approximately 100.80 acres. On vote, motion carried. **099-2007**

MOTION TO AWARD SECOND YEAR RENEWAL OPTION TO LOTT OIL COMPANY FOR GAS AND DIESEL CONSUMPTION BY ENGLAND AUTHORITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS THERETO.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, to award second year renewal option to Lott Oil Company for Gas and Diesel consumption by England Authority Vehicles and Equipment and authorizing Executive Director to sign all related documents thereto. On vote, motion carried. **100-2007**

MOTION TO RATIFY THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR WAREHOUSE BUILDING 1315 AS RECOMMENDED BY BARRON, HEINBERG & BROCATO.

Motion by **Mr. Spears**, second by **Mr. Bushnell**, to ratify the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Warehouse Building 1315 as recommended by Barron, Heinberg & Brocato. On vote, motion carried. **101-2007**

MOTION TO RATIFY THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR RENOVATIONS TO LEARNING CENTER OF RAPIDES AS RECOMMENDED BY BARRON, HEINBERG & BROCATO.

Motion to ratify the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Renovations to Learning Center of Rapides as recommended by Barron, Heinberg and Brocato. On vote, motion carried. **102-2007**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)**

Comments by Legal Counsel – None

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – None

Staff Report –

a. Economic Development - Mr. Williams explained the concept of “cyber command”, which is a new command in the Air Force and tentatively scheduled to be located at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, LA. Mr. Williams also stated that the Rapides Area Planning Commission will be in their new offices by end of next week which will be located on Frank Andrews Blvd.

b. Executive Director – Mr. Grafton stated that he attended a National Business Aircraft show. Largest gathering of business aircraft owners in the U.S., approximately 14,000 to 15,000 attend the conference. Mr. Grafton also went to D.C., and met a delegation of 15 people from Vernon and Beauregard parishes to grow Fort Polk.

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Comparative Air Traffic Report: down numbers for Continental and Northwest. ASA is up, there was an added flight and picked up more people. American is pulling from other airlines, particularly Continental. The year to date for commercial is up 8%. Airport Operations: Off by 4%. Mr. Grafton briefed board regarding PAR (Precision Approach Radar). Cargo is up. There are two major units deploying out of Fort Polk towards the end of the year and first part of next year. Financial Report: 16% through the Fiscal Year at this point. Collected 16% of revenue and approximately 14% through expenditures.

Mr. Grafton recognized the Operation's landside and airside crews for doing a great job in maintaining the facilities at the airpark and airport.

Public Comments or Questions - None

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

William Barron, Chairman

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Richard Bushnell, Secretary/Treasurer

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