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Alexandria International Airport The England Economic and Industrial Development District Board of Commissioners

Special Session June 12, 2003

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Special Session at its regular meeting place, the England Authority Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time)

There were present: Mr. Martin Johnson, Chairman; Mr. Wayne Miller, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Wayne Denley, Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. Charles Waites, Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Elwood Carroll, Mr. Hank Bruser.

Absent: Mr. Mike Tudor, Mr. Kit Provine.

Also present were: Mr. Ronnie Hair representing the England Authority staff, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

 $\operatorname{Mr.}$ Charles Waites offered the invocation and $\operatorname{Ms.}$ Brown 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.

TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY GALENA PARK BOXING ACADEMY AND YOUTH CENTER FOR MONETARY SUPPORT TO HOST THE JUNIOR OLYMPIC NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION THEREON.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Carroll to consider request by Galena Park Boxing Academy and Youth Center for monetary support to host the Junior Olympic National Boxing Championship tournament and related activities and to take appropriate action thereon.

Mr. Joe Fuller representing the Rapides Parish Police Jury and Mr. Kenny Weldon, chief trainer of Houston's Galena Park Boxing Academy & Youth Center, briefed the board regarding the Junior Olympic National Boxing Championship tournament.

Mr. Weldon said the event would cost about \$85,800 to conduct, with the bulk of the cost being \$66,000 to pay for the housing provided by Louisiana College. The Coliseum rent for three days would be \$6,300.00 and the Riverfront Center rented for \$13,500.00 for three days.

England Authority counsel, Albin Provosty, cautioned that expenditures by the Authority could not be made to a group or individual, public or private, if it was not related to promoting the airport services, according to state law.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Bruser to amend motion to read:
MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ENGLAND AUTHORITY TO PAY UP TO \$30,000 FOR ADVERTISEMENT AND
PROMOTION OF PASSENGER FLIGHTS IN AN EFFORT TO BRING PASSENGERS INTO AEX IN
CONJUNCTION WITH JR. OLYMPIC BOXING SUBJECT TO RECOMMENDATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAIRPERSON WITH DIRECT PAYMENT OF FUNDS LIMITED TO THE
RIVERFRONT, COLISEUM AND LA COLLEGE.

The Chair called the vote on amended motion. On vote, motion carried. 043-2003

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ENGLAND AUTHORITY TO PAY UP TO \$30,000 FOR ADVERTISEMENT AND PROMOTION OF PASSENGER FLIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO BRING PASSENGERS INTO AEX IN CONJUNCTION WITH JR. OLYMPIC BOXING SUBJECT TO RECOMMENDATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAIRPERSON, LIMITED TO THE RIVERFRONT, COLISEUM AND LA COLLEGE. Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Bruser to approve motion by board to authorize England Authority to pay up to \$30,000 for Advertisement and Promotion of passenger flight in an effort to bring passengers into AEX in conjunction with Jr. Olympic Boxing subject to recommendation by legal counsel and economic development chairperson, limited to the Riverfront Center, Coliseum and LA College.

Legal ramifications of the proposal are to be ironed out between the Authority counsel and staff and Mr. Weldon on Friday, June 13, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at England Authority office.

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

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