

The England Economic and Industrial Development District met in Regular Session in The England Airpark Community Center, 1718 Kegleman Blvd., Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:04 p.m.**

Chairman Richard Bushnell requested a roll call.

There were present: William Barron, Richard Bushnell, Robbyn Cooper, Dennis Frazier, Curman Gaines, Scott Linzay, COL Katrina Lloyd, Joe McPherson, Charlie Weems and Joe Williams

Also present were members of the England Authority staff and legal counsel.

Absent:

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

Chairman Bushnell asked if there were any public comments or questions. Hearing none, Chairman Bushnell proceeded with the action items.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Motion by **Mr. Linzay**, second by **Mr. Barron**, to approve Minutes of April 22, 2021 Regular Board meeting and Committee meetings. The Chair called for any comments from the board or public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. **017-2021**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR RFQ FOR MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT.

Motion by **Mr. Linzay**, second by **Mr. Barron**, authorize Executive Director to advertise for RFQ for Multi-Family Development. The Chair called for any comments from the board or public. There being none, Chairman Bushnell called for a roll call vote:

- Yes – Mr. Barron
- Yes – Mr. Bushnell
- Yes – Mrs. Cooper
- Yes – Mr. Frazier
- Yes – Mr. Gaines
- Yes – Mr. Linzay
- Yes – COL Lloyd
- No – Mr. McPherson
- Yes – Mr. Weems
- Yes – Mr. Williams

Yes – 9
No – 1
Absent – 0

On vote, motion carried. **018-2021**

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
(None)

Chairman Bushnell called for a motion to add the following item to the agenda:

Motion to authorize Executive Director to develop and send out RFQ for the Oakwing Golf Course without a letter of credit.

Motion by **Mr. Weems**, second by **Mr. Barron**, to add item to agenda.

By unanimous vote, motion was added to the agenda.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP AND SEND OUT RFQ FOR THE OAKWING GOLF COURSE WITHOUT A LETTER OF CREDIT.

Motion by **Mr. Weems**, second by **Mr. Barron**, to authorize Executive Director to develop and send out RFQ for the Oakwing Golf Course without a Letter of Credit. The Chair called for any comments from the board or public. There being none, a vote was called and motion carried. **019-2021**

E. Comments by Legal Counsel – N/A

F. Comments or Questions by Commissioners – Mr. Weems thanked Mr. Charlie White with CNW Development for his incredible attention to detail and the information he brought to the meeting regarding the proposed multi-family development.

Commissioners Frazier and Williams also thanked Mr. White for sharing his information with the Board, as well as with the public.

G. Staff Report –

- a) **Financial** – Cathy Grant, Finance Director, will present the 2021/2022 Budget at the June meetings.
- b) **Air Traffic** – Scott Gammel, Airpark Deputy Director-Airside: May was the first month for American Airlines non-stop flight to Charlotte, NC. Total air traffic is well above where they were last year at this time and only 26% down from 2019. Charlotte almost hit the 1000 enplanement mark for the first month. American Airlines is 25% above where they were in 2019.
- c) **Economic Development** – David Broussard, Airpark Deputy Director–Landside. Mr. Broussard shared some wonderful news regarding two present companies at the Airpark. The two businesses are out of state manufacturing companies that were established at the Airpark during the height of COVID. 1.) *Azeoform* is a company that manufactures stamp parts for “Stihl” such as weed eaters, chainsaws, blowers, etc. The company is doing so great that they are planning to invest \$500,000 in another stamping machine. Azeo is also planning to hire four more employees to keep up with the work. 2.) *Micro Abrasives* is a company from Massachusetts and established a facility at the Airpark. The company heats and extrudes aluminum products which they source out of Baton Rouge at BASF. They are

so far ahead of where they thought they would be, that they are going to put in a second oven for \$650,000 and will possibly need to lease another building this year and also double their workforce. Micro Abrasives also exercised their option to stay an additional four years.

England Airpark has partnered with LSUA to create the ACE initiative and a professional aviation degree program for central Louisiana. There will be a special announcement on June 14 at 10:00 a.m. at LSUA.

H. Public Comments or Questions – N/A

Chairman Bushnell stated there was no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners; meeting was adjourned at **6:14 p.m.**

Richard Bushnell, Chairman
*England Economic and Industrial Development District
Board of Commissioners*

COL Katrina Lloyd, Secretary/Treasurer
*England Economic and Industrial Development District
Board of Commissioners*

ADMIN/LEGAL COMMITTEE
THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MAY 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Admin/Legal Committee of the England Economic and Industrial Development District were held at **4:32 p.m. on Thursday, MAY 27, 2021** at the England Airpark Community Center.

Chairman Bushnell called the committee meetings to order.

Chairman Bushnell introduced Reverend Franklin Caldwell, Pastor of the Oasis Church, and asked him to give the invocation.

Commissioner Joe Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bushnell next called Commissioner Weems to call the Admin/Legal Committee meeting to order.

Chair Weems requested a roll call.

The following were present: Mr. William Barron, Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mrs. Robbyn Cooper, Mr. Dennis Frazier, Mr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Scott Linzay, Col. Katrina Lloyd, Mr. Joe McPherson, Mr. Charlie Weems and Mr. Joe Williams.

Absent:

Mr. Charlie Weems, Chair of the Admin/Legal Committee, began the meeting by thanking the public for their input and showing interest in the following agenda item. Mr. Weems stated that he was extending the public speaking time from three minutes to five minutes per person. Next, Mr. Weems would call for a motion from the commissioners to put it on the floor; Executive Director Sandra McQuain would present the staff's proposal; commissioners could ask questions of Mrs. McQuain if they wish when she makes the proposal; then there would be public comments. Mr. Weems extended the briefing time for each speaker from three minutes to five minutes. Mr. Weems stated that he was going to alternate the list of speakers that are "for and against" so that both sides are heard from. Next, there would be comments from commissioners and then a vote on the motion.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR RFQ FOR A MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT.

Motion by **Mr. Linzay**, second by **Mr. Williams**, authorize the Executive Director to advertise for RFQ for the development of the hospital site into a multi-family development.

Mrs. McQuain, Executive Director, presented the staff's proposal regarding the motion to advertise for RFQ for the redevelopment of the hospital site into a multi-family. The advertisement is a part of the multi-prone Economic Development strategy that includes strategic workforce development, access to renewable energy and to enhance quality of life.

Mr. Weems asked if there were any questions or comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Joe McPherson, COL Katrina Lloyd and Scott Linzay directed their questions to Mrs. McQuain.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Weems next called the following to speak at the podium:

1. Rod Noles, Rod Noles Property Management
2. John Rowan, LSUA Academic Officer
3. Joey Vercher, Tri V Property Group
4. Abbey Bain, LSUA Vice Chancellor for Enrollment and Engagement
5. Craig Smith, Rapides Parish Police Juror
6. Sam Spurgeon, Attorney with Spurgeon Law Firm
7. Paul Coreil, LSUA Chancellor
8. Ollie Overton, Rapides Parish Police Juror
9. Charlie White, CNW Development
10. Trish Leleux, The Trish Leleux Group

Lengthy debate ensued amongst the Commissioners.

Chair Weems stated that Commissioner Joe McPherson requested a roll call vote. Chair Weems asked the Clerk for a roll call and stated that by voting "Yes" it would allow the RFQ to go out and by voting "No" the RFQ would not go out.

Yes - Mr. Weems
Yes - Mr. Williams
Yes - Mr. Barron
Yes - Mr. Bushnell
Yes - Mrs. Cooper
No - Mr. Frazier
Yes - Mr. Gaines
Yes - Mr. Linzay
Yes - COL Lloyd
No - Mr. McPherson

Yes - 8
No - 2
Absent - 0

On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Weems next heard update on Oakwing Golf Course.

After hearing pros and cons regarding the RFQ for Oakwing Golf Course, there was some discussion and then a motion to add an item to the agenda.

Motion by **Mr. McPherson**, seconded by **Mrs. Cooper**, to add the following to the agenda:

Motion to allow Executive Director to send out RFQ on the Oakwing Golf Course.

Chair Weems called for a roll call:

Yes - Mr. Weems
Yes - Mr. Williams

Yes - Mr. Barron
Yes - Mr. Bushnell
Yes - Mrs. Cooper
Yes - Mr. Frazier
Yes - Mr. Gaines
Yes - Mr. Linzay
Yes - COL Lloyd
Yes - Mr. McPherson

By unanimous vote, motion was added to the agenda.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by **Mr. McPherson**, seconded by **Mr. Barron**, to amend the motion to read as follows:
Motion to authorize Executive Director to develop and send out RFQ for the Oakwing Golf Course without a Letter of Credit.

The Chair called for any comments from the public. There being none, a vote was called and amended motion carried.

There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Weems adjourned the Admin/Legal Committee was adjourned.

Mr. Charlie Weems, Committee Chair
ADMIN/LEGAL COMMITTEE
England Economic & Industrial Development District

FINANCE COMMITTEE
THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Finance Committee of the England Economic and Industrial Development District was held on **Thursday, MAY 27, 2021** in the England Airpark Community Center.

Commissioner Cooper requested a roll call. The following were present: Mrs. Robbyn Cooper, Chair; Mr. William Barron, Vice-Chair; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. Dennis Frazier, Mr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Scott Linzay, COL Katrina Lloyd, Mr. Joe McPherson, Mr. Charlie Weems and Mr. Joe Williams.

Absent:

Mrs. Robbyn Cooper, Chair of the Finance Committee, next called for any comments from the public. There being none, Mrs. Cooper proceeded with Finance Committee meeting.

Received schedule of paid invoices for the month of April 2021.

There being no further items to discuss, Mrs. Cooper adjourned the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Robbyn Cooper, Committee Chair
FINANCE COMMITTEE
England Economic and Industrial Development District

AUDIT COMMITTEE
THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MAY 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Audit Committee of the England Economic and Industrial Development District was held on **Thursday, MAY 27, 2021** in the England Airpark Community Center.

Mr. Dennis Frazier, Chair of the Audit Committee, stated there were no items to discuss.

Mr. Frazier next called for any comments from the public.

There being none, Mr. Frazier adjourned the Audit Committee.

Mr. Dennis Frazier, Committee Chair
AUDIT COMMITTEE
England Economic and Industrial Development District

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MAY 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the England Economic and Industrial Development District was held on **Thursday, MAY 27, 2021** in the England Airpark Community Center.

Commissioner McPherson requested a roll call. The following were present: Mr. Joe McPherson, Chair; Mr. Charlie Weems, Vice-Chair; Mr. William Barron, Mrs. Robbyn Cooper, Mr. Dennis Frazier, Mr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Scott Linzay, COL Katrina Lloyd and Mr. Joe Williams.

Absent:

Mr. McPherson stated there were no items to discuss.

Mr. McPherson next called for any comments from the public. There being none, Mr. McPherson adjourned the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Joe McPherson, Committee Chair
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
England Economic and Industrial Development District

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MAY 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Operations Committee of the England Economic and Industrial Development District was held on **Thursday, MAY 27, 2021** in the England Airpark Community Center.

Mr. Scott Linzay, Chair of the Operations Committee, called for any comments from the public. There being none, Mr. Linzay stated there were no other items to discuss in the Operations Committee and next called for any additions. There being none, Chairman Linzay adjourned the meeting.

Mr. Scott Linzay, Committee Chair
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
England Economic and Industrial Development District

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MAY 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Human Resources Committee of the England Economic and Industrial Development District was held on **Thursday, MAY 27, 2021** in the England Airpark Community Center.

COL Lloyd, Chair of the Human Resources Committee, called for any comments from the public. sThere being none, COL Lloyd stated that there were no items to discuss in the Human Resources Committee and next called for any additions. There being none, COL Lloyd adjourned the Human Resources Committee.

COL. Katrina Lloyd, Committee Chair
HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE
England Economic and Industrial Development District

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MAY 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Capital Projects Committee of the England Economic and Industrial Development District was held on **Thursday, MAY 27, 2021** in the England Airpark Community Center.

Mr. Barron, Chair of the Capital Projects Committee, requested a roll call.

The following were present: Mr. William Barron, Chair; Mr. Scott Linzay, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Robbyn Cooper, Mr. Dennis Frazier, Mr. Curman Gaines, COL Katrina Lloyd, Mr. Joe McPherson, Mr. Charlie Weems and Mr. Joe Williams.

Absent:

Mr. Barron next called for any comments from the public. There being none, Mr. Barron called upon Mr. Scott Gammel to present the Status Report.

Status Report – Presented by Scott Gammel, Deputy Director-Airport & Capital Projects

Mr. Gammel stated that there had been so much rain in the month of May that he would have more to report at meetings in June.

Mr. Barron next called for any additions. There being none, Mr. Barron adjourned the Capital Projects Committee.

Committee meetings ended at 6:03 p.m.

William Barron, Committee Chair
CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
England Economic and Industrial Development District