

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

SEPTEMBER 27, 1991

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the England Economic and Industrial Development District to which legislators, public officials and members of the public and press had been invited to attend was held on Friday, September 27, 1991 at 7:35 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Alexandria City Hall.

Those Commissioners present at the Board meeting were Jim Meyer, Garland Lawrence, Susan Jaques, Myron Lawson, Barry Hines, Jack DeWitt, Gene Cotton, John Brewer and George Thompson. Commissioner Hank Bruser was absent.

Also present were Senator Joe McPherson, Mayor Ned Randolph, Elton Pody, Dee Gilbert, Martha Bergstrom, Jack Brittain, Harold Smith, Col. Mac McBurney, Ricky Sooter, Marion Chaney, Pat Douget, Richard Brackney, Brenda Beckerdite, Marvin Lemmons, Mary Lynn Wilkerson, Jack Gremillion and members of the Press.

Mr. Elton Pody gave the invocation and Commissioner Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call and the determination that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Meyer.

On motion by Com. Thompson, seconded by Com. Cotton that the Agenda be approved. On vote the motion carried.

Adopt Minutes On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Thompson, that the minutes of the organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the EEIDD held September 5, 1991 be approved. On vote the motion carried.

Ret. Military Harold Smith, Chairman of the Retired Military Committee advised the Board of their goals of keeping EAFB hospital, commissary and base exchange facilities open and providing assistance and advise to the Board on developing Military Retirement Complex. Copies of a petition were given to Board that will be sent to Washington. A request was made for \$6,000, specifically \$1,000 for operations and \$5,000 for travel.

On motion by Com. Thompson, seconded by Com. Lawrence, to take the funding request under advisement and to appoint a liaison to the Committee. On vote the motion carried.

Legislation

Jack Brittain, Sen. Johnston's Office, and Martha Bergstrom, Sen. Breaux's Office, provided an update on the ownership legislation. Staffers have met with Conference Committee and clarified amendment. Gov. Roemer is lobbying.

NAID Conf.

Com. Lawrence reported on the NAID Conference held in Mobile. It was excellent from networking standpoint. Several areas of concern were addressed in a letter from the NAID President, Phil Yeager.

Interim Admin.

The proposal from the Chamber for interim administrative service for 2-4 months was discussed. Asked Tom Wells for a legal opinion on conflict of interest. It must be addressed to the State Ethics Commission.

Legal Counsel

Legal opinion from Mr. Wells advised that the D.A.'s Office is mandated as the legal representative for the District. This does not preclude the hiring of private legal counsel nor from the D.A.'s office charging legal fees. Mr. Wagner has offered the service free to the District. After discussion, Com. Brewer made the motion to table the decision of choosing legal representation, seconded by Com. Cotton. A roll call vote was called on the motion to table and was as follows:

YES

John Brewer
Garland Lawrence
Gene Cotton
Myron Lawson

NO

Jim Meyer
Barry Hines
George Thompson
Jack DeWitt
Susan Jaques

On roll call vote, the motion to table was defeated 5 to 4.

On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Lawson, to authorize the District Attorney's office to continue to act as legal representative to the England District free of charge. On vote the motion carried.

Budget

The Federal I.D. number and State Vendor number have been obtained. The Interim

Finance Committee drafted a tentative budget which was revised following a visit from the O.E.A. On motion by Com. Lawrence, seconded by Com. Thompson to adopt the budget as presented. On vote the motion carried.

Resolution #2

On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Thompson, a roll call vote was called to adopt a resolution requesting the \$500,000 in operating and base reuse study funds from the State Department of Economic Development. All of the Commissioners present voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Com. Expense

Com. DeWitt was authorized to acquire telephone credit cards for the Board to cover long distance out-of-pocket expense.

Finan. Inst.

On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Lawson, to advertise for a fiscal agent separate from any other political body. On vote the motion carried.

OEA Grant

Brenda Beckerdite reported on the status of the OEA Grant that she and Bobbie Brown are working on for the Board. A rough draft should be ready by October 18th for the Board's review.

Mkt. Brochure

Qualification statements having been received from three firms to create the EAFB marketing brochure and reviewed by the Board, Com. Lawrence made the motion that a contract be negotiated with Douget Advertising. This was seconded by Com. Brewer and approved unanimously.

Comm. Struct.

On motion by Com. Brewer, seconded by Com. Lawrence to adopt the following committee structure:

Standing Committees: Executive; Finance; Policy, Procedure and Personnel; Legal; Economic Development; Insurance; Environmental/Public Works.

Ad Hoc: Base Reuse Plan; Heritage Park; Liaison - Military Retiree Committee; Liaison - Rapides Parish Airport Authority.

On vote the motion was approved. The full Board will be notified for every meeting although every Commissioner will not be a voting member of every Committee.

EAFB Tour

The Commissioners will have a tour of England Air Force Base on October 2, 1991.

Amarillo Conf.

On motion by Com. DeWitt, seconded by Com. Thompson, to authorize travel to a conference held by the Air Force in Amarillo, Texas on October 24th and 25th for representatives of communities targeted for base closure. On vote the motion carried.

Harold Smith requested funding for members of the Retiree Committee to travel to Amarillo. No action was taken pending legal review.


Mtg. Change

On motion by Com. Thompson, seconded by Com. Lawson, to change the regular meeting time of the Board in October from Friday, October 25th to Monday, October 28th at 7:30 a.m. in the Alexandria City Council Chambers. On vote the motion carried.

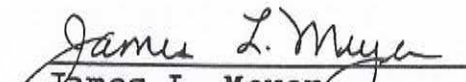
Nyrop Visit

Kirsten Nyrop, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development will be in Alexandria on October 9th and the Board is invited to meet her from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Chamber.

There being no further business, it was moved, duly seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



Jack DeWitt
Secretary/Treasurer



James L. Meyer
Chairman