# THE ENGLAND ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIALCALLED SESSION JANUARY 11, 2001

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, January 11, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

**There were present:** Mr. Michael Tudor, Chairman; Mr. Martin Johnson, Vice Chairman; Mr. Kit Provine, Secretary/Treasurer; Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Hank Bruser, Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. Elwood Carroll, Mr. Gene Cotton and Mr. Alvin Mykoff.

Absent: Mr. Lane Cripps.

Also present were: Mr. Jon Grafton, Executive Director, members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

Mr. Tudor asked that we observe a few moments of silent prayer. Ms. Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### MOTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR IRRIGATION WELLS AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OF OAKWING GOLF COURSE

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Provine to award contract for Irrigation Wells and Transmission System for OakWing Golf Course to Layne Christensen Co. pending approval by legal counsel. On vote, motion carried. 001-2001

### MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

After comments by Mr. Bruser and Mr. Doggett, Mr. Bruser made a motion, seconded by Ms. Brown to add the following discuss to the Executive Session: Motion to discuss the character and professional competence of the Executive Director and for that Executive Session to include discussion of investigation of proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. By unanimous vote, this item was added to the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Bruser, seconded by Ms. Brown to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following lawsuit:

Civil Suit Number 193,057, Division "B"
Joe A. Slowinski, et al et al versus England Economic and Industrial Development District, et al,
Consolidated with Civil Suit Number 193,098, Division "B"
Robert M. Coon, et al versus England Economic and Industrial Development District, et al,
Consolidated with Civil Suit Number 193,042, Division "E"
W. R. Ewing, Jr., et al versus England Economic and Industrial Development District, et al
Ninth Judicial District Court, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

and to discuss the character and professional competence of the Executive Director and for that Executive Session to include discussion of investigation of proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. By unanimous vote, the motion carried to enter into Executive Session.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION CONDUCTED**

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Motion by Mr. Mykoff, seconded by Mr. Johnson to exit the previously authorized Executive Session. Upon unanimous vote, the Chairman called the meeting back to order and back into public session.

#### ADDITONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Cotton to add the following item to the agenda:

Pursuant to LA. R.S. 13:5105(D) the England Economic and Industrial Development District hereby waives the prohibition against jury trails as provided in LA. R.S. 13:5105(A).

By unanimous vote, the item was added to the agenda.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Johnson to add the following item to the agenda:

Motion to allow counsel to enter into mediation with plaintiffs in lawsuit.

The Chairman called for a vote, all Commissioners present voted yea, Mr. Bruser voted nay. The motion carried.

### EEIDD WAIVES THE PROHIBITION AGAINST JURY TRIALS

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Johnson that pursuant to LA. R.S. 13:5105(D) the England Economic and Industrial Development District hereby waives the prohibition against jury trails as provided in LA. R.S. 13:5105(A). On vote, motion carried. 002-2001

### MOTION TO ALLOW COUNSEL TO ENTER INTO MEDIATION WITH PLAINIFFS

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Johnson to allow counsel to enter into mediation with plaintiffs in lawsuit. After comments by Mr. Bruser, the Chairman called for a vote, on vote, all Commissioners present voted yea, Mr. Bruser voted nay. The motion carried. **003-2001** 

There being on further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Michael Tudor, Chairman

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C. E. Provine, Secretary/Treasurer

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