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The England Economic and Industrial Development District Board of Commissioners

Regular Session
March 22, 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, March 22, 2007.

There were present: Mr. William Barron, Chairman; Mr. Curman Gaines, Vice-Chairman; Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. Lance Harris, Mr. Mike Tudor and Mr. Charles Waites.

Absent: Mr. Wayne Denley, Mr. Martin Johnson, Mr. Kit Provine

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 Gaines 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 items #2, #4, #5, and #6; items #1 and #7 were pulled from agenda; Items #3 and #8 were read at consent calendar and two new items were added. Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Harris to approve items #2, #4, #5, and #6; items #1 and #7 were pulled from agenda; Items #3 and #8 were read at consent calendar and two new items were added. On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Harris, to approve Minutes from the February 22, 2007, regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. 028-2007

MOTION GIVING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1.2 MILLION OF TAXABLE AND/OR TAX-EXEMPT CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, OF THE EEIDD, STATE OF LOUISIANA; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATES; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Harris, giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding \$1.2 million of Taxable and/or Tax-Exempt Certificates of Indebtedness, of the EEIDD, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the Certificates; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. On vote, motion carried. 029-2007

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

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Harris, to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of February, 2007. On vote, motion carried. 030-2007

MOTION AUTHORIZING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENGLAND AUTHORITY'S APPLICATION FOR THE LOUISIANA RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Harris, authorizing a resolution supporting the England Authority's application for the Louisiana Retirement Development Commission's Certified Retirement Community Program. On vote, motion carried. 031-2007

MOTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT TO LEASE BETWEEN EEIDD AND FREEMAN HOLDINGS, LLC., AND TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH FREEMAN HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD TERMINAL BUILDING.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Harris, authorizing Executive Director to execute amendment to lease between EEIDD and Freeman Holdings, LLC., and to execute a development agreement with Freeman Holdings, LLC for the purpose of redevelopment of the old terminal building. On vote, motion carried. 032-2007

MOTION TO ASK COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO PERFORM AN ANALYSIS/COMPARISON OF EMPLOYEE SALARIES IN RELATION TO SIMILAR FACILITIES AND OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN LOUISIANA.

Motion by Mr. Waites, second by Mr. Bushnell, to ask committee Chairman to perform an analysis/comparison of employee salaries in relation to similar facilities and other economic development organizations in Louisiana. On vote, motion carried. 033-2007

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA (2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by, Mr. Gaines, to add following item:

Motion to appoint Commissioner Tudor to plan and organize an economic development trip to Monterrey, Mexico and to invite interested local business representatives to attend, and to underwrite travel costs of staff and interested commissioners.

On vote, motion was added to agenda.

Motion by Mr. Gaines, second by Mr. Bushnell to add the following item to agenda:

Motion to participate in the 12th Annual Jazz/R&B Festival in Natchitoches at a cost of \$1,000.00 level.

On vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER TUDOR TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRIP TO MONTERREY, MEXICO AND TO INVITE INTERESTED LOCAL BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND, AND TO UNDERWRITE TRAVEL COSTS OF STAFF AND INTERESTED COMMISSIONERS.

Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Gaines, to appoint Commissioner Tudor to plan organize an economic development trip to Monterrey, Mexico and to invite interested local business representatives to attend, and to underwrite travel costs of staff and interested commissioners. On vote, motion carried.
034-2007

MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 12TH ANNUAL JAZZ/R&B FESTIVAL IN NATCHITOCHES AT A COST OF \$1,000.00 LEVEL.

Motion by Mr. Gaines, second by Mr. Bushnell, to participate in the 12th Annual Jazz/R&B Festival in Natchitoches at a cost of \$1,000.00 level. On vote, motion carried. 035-2007

Commissioner Bushnell presented, on behalf of the Mayor of Woodworth, a 2nd Place Trophy to the Board and Staff for participating in the Woodworth Mardi Gras parade.

Comments by Legal Counsel – None

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – None.

Staff Report – a. Executive Director – Air Traffic Report: Up 2% for month of February. Finance Report: 66% through the year; collected 65.97% of revenue and expended 60.23% of the budget.

Public Comments or Questions - None

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

William Barron, Chairman
England Economic and Industrial Development District
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Richard Bushnell, Secretary/Treasurer
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