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The England Economic and Industrial Development District Board of Commissioners

Regular Session
October 28, 2004

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, October 28, 2004.

There were present: Mr. Wayne Miller, Chairman; Mr. William Barron, Mr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. Martin Johnson, Mr. Wayne Denley, Mr. Kit Provine, and Mr. Mike Tudor

Absent: Mr. Waites, Ms. Brown

Also present were: Members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media.

Commissioner Bushnell offered the invocation and Commissioner Provine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Miller asked for a motion to approve items 1 – 9, with the exception of item #7. Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Barron to approve items 1 through 9. There being no discussion, a vote was called. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 18, 2004 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 23, 2004 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barron to approve Minutes from the August 18, 2004 Special Called Meeting and September 23, 2004 Regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. 151-2004

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF PROVOSTY BILL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Barron to approve payment of Provosty bill for the month of September, 2004. On vote, motion carried. 152-2004

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 BETWEEN EEIDD AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (TSA) FOR SPACE IN PROFIT BUSINESS CENTER.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Barron to authorize Executive Director to sign Supplemental Agreement #2 between EEIDD and General Services Administration (TSA) for space in Profit Business Center. On vote, motion carried. 153-2004

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 BETWEEN EEIDD AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (TSA) FOR SPACE IN THE TERMINAL

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Barron to authorize Executive Director to sign Supplemental Agreement #2 between EEIDD and General Services Administration (TSA) for space in the Terminal. On vote, motion carried. 154-2004

MOTION TO DIRECT BOND COUNSEL TO ISSUE RFP'S TO SOLICIT UNDERWRITERS FOR THE UNION TANK CAR BOND ISSUE.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Barron to direct bond counsel to issue RFP's to solicit underwriters for the Union Tank Car Bond issue. On vote, motion carried. 155-2004

MOTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS AND NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE, ONE (1) AIRCRAFT USED FOR FIRE TRAINING PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT HIGH BID FOR SAME; LACKING BIDDERS AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SAME

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Barron to declare surplus and not needed for public purpose, one (1) aircraft used for fire training purposes and authorizing Executive Director to accept high bid for same; lacking bidders authorizing disposal of same. On vote, motion carried. 156-2004

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA (BY 2/3 VOTE)

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Provine to add the following items:

Motion to co-sponsor community Epiphany party and waive normal rental fee for the Community Center

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

MOTION TO CO-SPONSOR COMMUNITY EPIPHANY PARTY AND WAIVE NORMAL RENTAL FEE FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Provine to co-sponsor community Epiphany party and waive normal rental fee for the Community Center. On vote, motion carried. 157-2004

Comments by Legal Counsel – Mr. Provosty thanked Jones-Walker, Mr. Cornelius, Adams-Reese Firm for their input with the bonding resolutions and helping with the sub-district.

Comments or Questions by Commissioners – None

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Grafton extended his thanks as well to Mr. Cornelius and Mr. Provosty for their help. Mr. Grafton, Mr. Gammel, Mark Sixel and Chairman Miller had a very good meeting with Northwest. In September boardings, there was a 72% load factor. Northwest was very impressed. Mr.

Gammel is making every effort to get in with American before Christmas. We may be losing the Dallas route. Airline service right now is extremely difficult. Delta may go Chapter 11 prior to Christmas. U. S. Air will probably go under. United is in bankruptcy now. Continental and Northwest have enough cash to last another 12 months. The airlines that are prospering are Southwest, Jet Blue and Air Tran – these airlines serve point to point service. 11 million pounds of cargo have been moved through the airport since January. Obviously, most of this was military. England Airpark is one of the top ten military airports in the country, even though England Airpark is a civilian airfield.

Financial Report: Revenues were 24% and expenditures were 23% of the budget. Mr. Grafton will be getting in touch with Mr. Gaines, Chairman of Human Resources Committee, regarding employee raises prior to November meeting.

UTC has made a lot of progress on its site. Mr. Grafton thanked the board for its good humor and patience while working through some complicated issues in moving forward.

Public Comments or Questions – Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Grafton to check on press releases for exposure. Mr. Grafton stated that he was working to put together an England Airpark Newsletter.

Public Hearing - Mr. Provosty stated the following:

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any comments, objections, or suggestions from the public as to the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the England Economic Industrial Development District to create a Sub-District that will be known as the England District Sub-District No. 1.

There were no comments from the public opposing the creation of the England Sub-District No. 1.

MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PROJECT AREA AND CREATING THE ENGLAND DISTRICT SUB-DISTRICT NO. 1, DEFINING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY PART 1-A OF CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED (THE "ACT"); AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

Motion by Mr. Bushnell, second by Mr. Provine to adopt a resolution designating a project area and creating the England District Sub-District No. 1, defining and describing the boundaries thereof, in accordance with and as authorized by Part I-A of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"); and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing. On vote, motion carried. 158-2004

There being no further business to come before the Board.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Gaines to adjourn meeting.

Wayne Miller, Chairman
England Economic and Industrial Development District
Board of Commissioners

C. E. Provine, Secretary/Treasurer
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