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The England Economic and Industrial Development District Board of Commissioners

Special Session
September 8, 2005

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, September 8, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time). England Authority Commissioners were contacted by telephone regarding the Notice of meeting. Notice was faxed to media, public and posted on front door of 1611 Arnold Drive.

There were present: Mr. Wayne Miller, Chairman; Ms. Bridgett Brown, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard Bushnell, Mr. William Barron, Mr. Wayne Denley, Mr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Martin Johnson, Mr. Michael Tudor and Mr. Charles Waites.

Absent: Mr. Kit Provine

Also present were: Mr. Jon Grafton, Executive Director; members of the England Authority staff, legal counsel, and members of the public, press and media. Invocation was given by Mr. Bushnell, Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Gaines.

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.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Bushnell to ratify contract with Ratcliff Construction Company for renovation of dorms per previous award by Board.

Discussion regarding conflict of interest between England Authority's legal counsel, Provosty firm, and restrictions of the law concerning design build contracts.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Denley, to amend the motion to read as follows:
MOTION TO RATIFY CONTRACT WITH RATCLIFF CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR RENOVATION OF DORMS PER PREVIOUS AWARD BY BOARD AND TO INSTRUCT CONFLICTS COUNSEL TO PURSUE THE EMERGENCY WAIVER FOR A DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT.
Vote on motion by Mr. Barron, second by Ms. Brown. Motion, as amended, was adopted unanimously. 105-2005

Commissioner Barron led discussion between Commissioners and Ratcliff Construction Company as to which buildings would be renovated first of the four (4) proposed buildings.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Barron to add item to agenda:

Motion to approve budget with VRJ Consulting, LLC, for relocation services and that submittals be weekly and coordinated through staff regarding \$1.6 million and to receive weekly reports from Mr. Kevin Brown.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET WITH VRJ CONSULTING, LLC, FOR RELOCATION SERVICES AND THAT SUBMITTALS BE WEEKLY AND COORDINATED THROUGH STAFF REGARDING \$1.6 MILLION AND TO RECEIVE WEEKLY REPORTS FROM MR. KEVIN BROWN.

Motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Miller, to approve budget with VRJ Consulting, LLC, for relocation services and that submittals be weekly and coordinated through staff regarding \$1.6 million and to receive weekly reports from Mr. Kevin Brown. On vote, motion carried. 106-2005

Discussion ensued regarding RFP's for apartments.

General discussion concerning Hurricane Katrina's activity at England Airpark.

Public Comments – Heard comments from Mr. Herbert Nugent, representative with Noles/Frye Realty, and Mr. Bernard, a Contractor from Avoyelles Parish, regarding the possibility of long term leasing of the England Village apartment property.

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

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

C. E. Provine, Secretary/Treasurer
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