

The **England Economic and Industrial Development District** met in Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the England Authority Board Room, 1611 Arnold Drive, England Industrial Airpark and Community, Alexandria, Louisiana, on **Thursday, April 23, 1998**, at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Mr. Gene Cotton, Chairman, Ms. Bridgett Brown, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Fowler, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Lane Cripps, Mr. Martin Johnson, Mr. Alvin Mykoff, Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. Charles Stewart, Mr. Michael Tudor.

Absent: Mr. H. K. Stanley

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

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

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Mykoff** to approve Minutes from the March 26, 1998 Regular Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **40-1998**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S BILL

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of March, 1998. On vote, motion carried. **41-1998**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE WITH NATIONAL AFFILIATED

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Stanley** to authorize Executive Director to execute lease agreement between National Affiliated and the EEIDD for space in building 1912. . On vote, motion carried. **42-1998**

MOTION TO REQUEST LA DOTD PARTICIPATION IN FAR PART 150 NOISE STUDY

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to request LA DOTD participation in a FAR Part 150 Noise Study, authorizing Executive Director to execute and file necessary documents with LA DOTD and FAA to secure funding. After discussion the Chairman called for a vote, on vote, motion carried. **43-1998**

MOTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO KOETSIER CONST.

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Johnson** to award General Aviation Hangar contract to Koetsier Construction, Inc. as recommended by Capital Projects Committee. On vote, motion carried. **44-1998**

MOTION TO FILE FOR FOREIGN TRADE SUB-ZONE

Motion by **Mr. Fowler**, seconded by **Mr. Mykoff** to authorize Executive Director to submit an application and sign necessary documents with LA Department of Economic Development for the Regional Initiatives Program for proposed Foreign Trade Sub-Zone. Mr. Grafton recognized Mr. Elton Pody with the Central LA Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Robert Wagner with Kisatchie Delta, and Mr. Bob Stewart with Congressman John Cooksey's office and their work with Sammy Bonnette, England Authority, Director of Economic Development on the sub-zone issue. After discussion the Chairman called for a vote, on vote, motion carried. **45-1998**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Ms. Brown** to add the following item to the agenda.

1. Motion to amend lease with ICS to extend and fix rental rate.
2. Motion certifying need for state money to support capital outlay requests presently on file with State of Louisiana.
3. Motion to consider the response to the City of Alexandria's letter to the England Authority concerning the golf course project.

The Chairman called for a vote. There being no opposition, the above items were added to the agenda.

MOTION TO AMEND LEASE WITH ICS

Motion by **Ms. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Stewart** to amend lease with ICS to extend and fix rental rate. On vote, motion carried. **46-1998**

MOTION TO CERTIFY NEED FOR STATE MONEY TO SUPPORT CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Stewart** certifying need for state money to support capital outlay requests presently on file with State of Louisiana. On vote, motion carried. **47-1998**

MOTION TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA'S LETTER

Motion by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** that the England Authority adopt as its official response the letter that Mr. Cotton sent to the Mayor of Alexandria regarding the golf course project. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote, on vote, motion carried. **48-1998**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director and Senior Staff of the Authority presented their monthly Activity, Financial, Operations and Economic Development reports to the Board.

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

Gene Cotton, Chairman

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Tom Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer

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