

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, February 26, 1998**, at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Mr. Gene Cotton, Chairman, Mr. Lane Cripps, Mr. Martin Johnson, Mr. Alvin Mykoff, Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. H. K. Stanley, Mr. Charles Stewart, Mr. Michael Tudor.

Absent: Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Tom Fowler.

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 **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to approve Minutes from the January 23, 1998 Special Called Meeting, January 29, 1998 Regular Board Meeting and January 29, 1998 Special Called Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **18-1998**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S BILL

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Stewart** to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of January, 1998. On vote, motion carried. **19-1998**

MOTION TO RETAIN LEGAL SERVICES OF MCGLINCHEY STAFFORD

Motion by **Mr. Provine**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** for legal counsel, after consultation with the Chairman of the Legal Committee, to retain the legal services of the McGlinchey Stafford firm at their established rate on an as needed basis. Motion made by **Mr. Stewart**, seconded by **Mr. Johnson** to defer the above motion. After discussion **Mr. Stewart** withdrew his motion to defer, **Mr. Johnson** withdrew his seconded. A motion was made by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to amend the motion to read, Motion for legal counsel, when felt necessary, to retain the legal services of the McGlinchey Stafford firm at their established rate on an as needed basis. The Chairman called for a vote. On vote, the amended motion carried. **20-1998**

MOTION TO CREATE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion by **Mr. Stewart**, seconded by **Mr. Johnson** to create Personnel Committee as standing committee of the Board of Commissioners of the EEIDD. After discussion, motion made by **Mr. Provine**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to offer the following substitute motion, Motion to authorize the Chairman to appoint an ad hoc Personnel Committee to study the personnel

policies of the Authority and make recommendations to the full board no later than April 16, 1998. After discussion the Chairman called for a vote. On vote, the substitute motion carried. **21-1998**

Mr. Cotton appointed the following Commissioners to the ad hoc Personnel Committee: Mr. H. K. Stanley, Chairman, Mr. Alvin Mykoff, Mr. Tom Fowler, Mr. Martin Johnson, and Mr. Gene Cotton.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE WITH YMCA

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Stanley** to authorize Executive Director to execute lease agreement between YMCA of Central Louisiana, Inc. and EEIDD for building 1408. On vote, motion carried. **22-1998**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE WITH MR. ORVILLE E. BROOKS

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to authorize Executive Director to execute lease agreement between Mr. Orville E. Brooks and EEIDD for space in building 1702. On vote, motion carried. **23-1998**

MOTION TO EXECUTE LEASE TERMINATION WITH ALLIE T. BREWER

Motion by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mr. Tudor** to authorize Executive Director to execute Mutual Consent of Lease Termination with Allie T. Brewer. On vote, motion carried. **24-1998**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE AMENDMENT WITH LANDCO, INC.

Motion **Mr. Johnson**, second by **Mr. Cripps** to authorize Executive Director to execute lease amendment with Landco, Inc. to extend primary term of lease for 1 year and other matters thereto. On vote, motion carried. **25-1998**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR GENERAL AVIATION HANGARS

Motion by **Mr. Cripps**, seconded by **Mr. Tudor** to authorize advertisement for bids for General Aviation Hangars. On vote, motion carried. **26-1998**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE WITH MR. BILL NICHOLS

Motion by **Mr. Stanley**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to authorize Executive Director to execute lease agreement between Mr. Bill Nichols and EEIDD for space in building 1702. On vote, motion carried. **27-1998**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

1. Motion to reject bids for Air Cooled 90 Ton Chiller for "just cause".

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

MOTION TO REJECT BIDS FOR AIR COOLED CHILLER

Motion by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to reject bids for Air Cooled 90 Ton Chiller for

"just cause". After discussion motion was made by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to amend the motion to read, Motion to reject all bids for Air Cooled 90 Ton Chiller. "Just cause" exists to reject all bids because the England Authority is not required to replace the chiller on the building occupied by Time Trend, Inc. On vote, motion carried. **28-1998**

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

2. Motion to request Continental Airlines not to reduce capacity to AEX.

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

MOTION TO REQUEST CONTINENTAL AIRLINES NOT TO REDUCE CAPACITY

Motion by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Mr. Cripps** to request Continental Airlines not to reduce the capacity of the airplanes they are flying in and out of Alexandria International.

On vote, motion carried. **29-1998**

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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