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, May 22, 1997**, at 4:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

There were present: Mr. H. K. Stanley, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Jim Meyer, Mr. Tom Fowler, Mr. Kit Provine, Mr. Charles Stewart, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Michael Tudor.

Absent: Mr. Barry Hines, Ms. Bridgett Brown, Mr. Gene Cotton

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

Mr. **Jim Meyer** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVE MINUTES.

Motion made by **Mr. Thompson**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to approve Minutes of March 20, 1997 Special Board Meeting and May 1, 1997 Special Board Meeting. On vote, motion carried. **45-1997**

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S BILL

Motion made by **Mr. Fowler**, seconded by **Mr. Thompson** to approve payment of attorney's bill for the month of April, 1997. On vote, motion carried. **46-1997**

MOTION TO RENEW CURRENT HEALTH PLAN FOR 97/98.

Motion made by **Mr. Provine**, seconded by **Mr. Stanley** to renew the current health plan for 1997/1998. On vote, motion carried. **47-1997**

MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENT #6 TO FISCAL YEAR 96/97 BUDGET

Motion made by **Mr. Fowler**, seconded by **Mr. Provine** to adopt Budget Amendment #6 to Fiscal Year 1996/1997 Operating Budget for EEIDD. On vote, motion carried. **48-1997**

MOTION TO ADOPT RATES FOR SIGNATORY AND NON-SIGNATORY COMMERCIAL AIRLINES.

Motion made by **Mr. Tudor**, seconded by **Mr. Stanley** to adopt rates for signatory and non-signatory commercial airlines. **49-1997**

MOTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO LEASE WITH RELIABLE ARMS DEVELOPMENT CO., INC.

Motion made by **Mr. Stanley**, seconded by **Mr. Thompson** authorizing the Executive Director to amend the lease between Reliable Arms Development Co., Inc. and EEIDD. On vote, motion carried. **50-1997**

APPROVE ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by **Mr. Provine**, seconded by **Mr. Thompson** to add the following items to the agenda:

1. Motion to authorize lease agreement between the EEIDD and Diamond Dust, Inc.

2. Motion requesting the Central Louisiana Congressional Delegation (Senator Breaux, Senator Landrieu and Representative Cooksey) to support a funding level of at least $1.46 billion for the Airport Improvement Program for fiscal year 1998.

By unanimous vote the above items were added to the agenda.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DIAMOND DUST, INC.

Motion made by **Mr. Provine**, seconded by **Mr. Thompson** to authorize lease agreement between EEIDD and Diamond Dust, Inc. On vote, motion carried. **51-1997**

MOTION REQUESTING CENTRAL LOUISIANA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1998.

Motion made by **Mr. Provine**, seconded by **Mr. Thompson** requesting Central Louisiana Congressional Delegation (Senator Breaux, Senator Landrieu and Representative Cooksey) to support a funding level of at least $1.46 billion for the Airport Improvement Program for fiscal year 1998. On vote, motion carried. **52-1997**

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS

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, on motion by **Mr. Fowler,** seconded by **Mr. Stanley** the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Barry Hines, Chairman
England Economic & Industrial Development District
    Board of Commissioners

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Mr. H. K. Stanley, Secretary-Treasurer
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