

Iberia Economic Development Authority

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority

met on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. at

101 Burke Street, in New Iberia, LA 70560

Fran Henderson called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Henderson called for the roll:

Members Present: Jim Wiggins, Damon Miguez, Fran Henderson

Members Absent: Cecil Hymel, Liz Bodin Others Present: Michael Tarantino, Jeff Simon

Mrs. Henderson called for Public Comment. There being no comments, after a review of the minutes from the last meeting, on a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Jim Wiggins, the minutes of the regular November, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Jim Wiggins, the November, 2012 financials were unanimously approved.

Mrs. Henderson noted that the board needed to nominate and ratify Officers for the upcoming year. On a motion by Jim Wiggins, seconded by Damon Miguez, Liz Bodin was elected and ratified as the 2013 IEDA Secretary/Treasurer. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Jim Wiggins, Fran Henderson was elected and ratified Vice-Chair. On a motion by Jim Wiggins, seconded by Damon Miguez, Cecil Hymel was elected and ratified Chairman.

Discussion was held regarding authorizing Board Chairman Cecil Hymel to sign the required documents sent by Iberia Parish Government for work related to the Airport Access Road right-of-way. On a motion by Jim Wiggins, seconded by Damon Miguez, the board authorized Mr. Hymel to sign the required documents.

Mrs. Henderson asked Mike Tarantino for his update on the business park project. He reported that we were waiting on information from Facility Planning and Control regarding the documents they need from us to start the process of receiving the funds approved by the Bond Commission for the project.

Mr. Tarantino asked the Commissioners to consider expanding the agenda so he could report on events that took place at last night's Parish Council meeting concerning the IEDA. On a motion by Jim Wiggins, seconded by Damon Miguez, the agenda was expanded to allow Mr. Tarantino to update the Commissioners.

Mr. Tarantino reported that Council member Troy Comeaux had previously requested \$40,000 from Economic Development District I, to be allocated to IEDA, in order to engage someone to market the Buxton study findings to local businesses. The council voted to table the item until IEDA could provide an RFP outlining the requirements of the task. Mr. Tarantino will move forward in defining the services required, including contacting the UL School of Business to find out the feasibility of engaging marketing or business interns to help complete the tasks identified.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Jim Wiggins, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 7:30 AM.