

Iberia Economic Development Authority
Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 23, 2018 – 7:30 am
Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority
101 Burke Street, in New Iberia, LA 70560

John Bellefontaine called the meeting to order and called for roll.

Members Present: John Bellefontaine, Roy Pontiff, Chad Courtois

Members Absent: Jody Suire

Others Present: Evelyn Ducote, Mike Tarantino, Jeff Simon

Mr. Bellefontaine noted there was no public in attendance. He then asked the commissioners to review the minutes of the June 2018 regular meeting. On a motion by Roy Pontiff seconded by Chad Courtois, the minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. Bellefontaine asked the commissioners to review the June 2018 financials. On a motion by Roy Pontiff, seconded by Chad Courtois, the June financials were unanimously approved. Mr. Bellefontaine asked the commissioners to review the July 2018 financials. On a motion by Roy Pontiff, seconded by Chad Courtois, the July financials were unanimously approved.

Mr. Bellefontaine referred to agenda item number 7: Discuss and consider authorizing the Chairman to sign required paperwork needed for the IEDA to receive funds allocated in Act 2 of the Second Extraordinary Legislative Session. On a motion by Chad Courtois, seconded by Roy Pontiff, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bellefontaine referred to agenda item number 8: Discuss and consider authorizing the Chairman to sign required paperwork needed for the IEDA to receive funds allocated in Act 3 of the First Extraordinary Legislative Session. On a motion by Chad Courtois, seconded by Roy Pontiff, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bellefontaine referred to agenda item number 9: Discuss and consider the adoption of a resolution to authorize the engagement of John Jeffrey Simon as attorney for the Iberia Economic Development Authority. On a motion by Roy Pontiff, seconded by Chad Courtois, the resolution passed unanimously.

Mr. Bellefontaine invited Mr. Tarantino to proceed with his business park, funding and economic development updates. Mr. Tarantino reported that he was still in contact with Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) regarding the Progress Point pipeline relocation project. We are waiting on a response to several questions that Mr. Simon had asked FP&C for clarifications on. Mr. Tarantino acknowledged that everyone at IEDA has been frustrated with the slow pace of the pipeline relocation project, and stated that if we did not get a response to our questions in a timely manner he would speak with our elected officials and ask for their help in getting FP&C to respond. Mr. Tarantino reported that the old K-Mart redevelopment project was well underway, and Mayor Freddie DeCourt had announced that Rouses Supermarket and Hobby Lobby would be occupying part of the larger building. He also announced that Captain D's Seafood was building a location on Admiral Doyle Drive.

Mr. Tarantino gave an update on the Parish's Airport Access Road project and the status of the roundabouts that will be at the intersections of both ends of the new roadway. Reported that the press conference we held to announce the LA Certified Site designation for Progress Point was well attended and generated a lot of positive press.

Mr. Tarantino updated the Commission on the process of replacing ex IEDA Commissioner Benny Menard. He stated that the IDF Nominating Committee was in the process of selecting a candidate for the IDF Board to approve and pass along to the Parish Council for their endorsement.

With no further business to come before the commissioners, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Roy Pontiff, seconded by Chad Courtois. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:30 am.