

**Iberia Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.**  
Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority  
101 Burke Street, in New Iberia, LA 70560

Chad Courtois called the meeting to order, then called for the roll.

Members Present: Roy Pontiff, Chad Courtois, Jody Suire, John Bellefontaine

Members Absent: Cecil Hymel

Others Present: Michael Tarantino, Evelyn Ducote, Jeff Simon, Matt Landry

Mr. Courtois noted there was no public present. Mr. Courtois asked the commissioners to review the minutes of the March, 2019 meeting. On a motion by Jody Suire, seconded by Roy Pontiff, the minutes were unanimously approved. He then asked the commissioners to review the March, 2019 financials. On a motion by Jody Suire, seconded by John Bellefontaine, the March, 2019 financials were unanimously approved.

Matt Landry with Berard Habetz provided the Commissioner's with an update on the status of Progress Point infrastructure development. A discussion regarding LAWCO, the sewer district and FP&C ensued. Mr. Landry reported that LAWCO has a relatively defined path for the water line, but the sewer district has several proposed paths. The sewer district will need to determine what easements or rights-of-way currently exist along any of the proposed paths.

Mr. Tarantino noted that the Iberia Parish Council has contributed \$312,000 to be used as a local match for these infrastructure projects. He also noted that Commission has decided not to relocate the gas pipeline on the property. He also noted that he has had several prospects ask about locating in the park. He said that it may be possible to ask UL to assist us with a business plan for the park. Mr. Simon said that would be a good idea since we will need one to accommodate an updated park design.

Mr. Tarantino reported that proposed legislation for this session by the Speaker regarding the IPCVB has been withdrawn. Noted he and numerous stakeholders have been holding discussions with local elected officials on other ways to get additional resources to IEDA and local economic development in general. Noted Mr. Courtois and Mr. Himel will be presenting a request for funding at the next Parish Ad-hoc Millage Committee meeting on May 1st.

Mr. Tarantino reminded everyone of the large amount of economic data that is kept on the IEF/IEDA website and reviewed several reports available to anyone to download and refer to. He also noted that he has been very busy putting local job opportunities on the IDF facebook page, and noted that he felt there were currently approximately 800 or more positions available in the parish.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by John Bellefontaine, seconded by Jody Suire and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May23, 2019 at 7:30 AM.