

Iberia Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday – February 27, 2020
Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority
met on Thursday – February 27, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at
101 Burke Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

Jody Suire called the meeting to order and called for the roll.

Members Present: Roy Pontiff, Jody Suire, Fran Henderson

Members Absent: Cecil Hymel

Others Present: Mike Tarantino, Evelyn Ducote, Jeff Simon, Matt Landry, Paul Landry

With there being no public comments, Mr. Tarantino welcomed and recognized Mr. Landry, and thanked him for the support the Parish Council has shown to the IEDA and moving economic development forward in Iberia Parish.

Mr. Suire to asked the commissioners to review the minutes of the regular January 2020 meeting. On a motion by Roy Pontiff, seconded by Fran Henderson the minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. Suire asked the commissioners to review the January 2020 financials. On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Roy Pontiff, the financials were unanimously approved.

Mr. Suire referred to agenda item number 6: Discuss and consider authorizing the Chairman to sign for approval for DOTD to access the Progress Point Business Park property for the purpose of performing an environmental field survey relating to the LA675 roundabout. On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Roy Pontiff a motion authorizing DOTD access to the business park property to perform the environmental field survey was approved unanimously.

Mr. Suire asked the Commissioners to review agenda item number seven: discuss and consider approval authorizing initial contract payment of \$59,274.11 to LAWCO for construction of water line extension to Progress Point Business Park, FP&C Project #50-NPD-12-01. On a motion by Roy Pontiff, seconded by Fran Henderson, the motion approve payment to LAWCO passed unanimously.

Mr. Suire asked the Commissioners to review agenda item number nine: discuss and consider the creation of a standard contract for drone services and a policy for drone use. Mr. Tarantino noted he was close to taking his FAA drone pilot license test. Discussion was held regarding the development of a contract and policy. Mr. Tarantino said that an additional amendment to the contract was developed creating different levels of fees and services, he would report back to the Commissioners at the next meeting with a final draft for their review. Mr. Simon noted that he felt it would be best when we started offering drone services that all request be brought before the Commissioners for their approval. No action was taken on the agenda item.

Mr. Suire asked Mr. Tarantino to proceed with his business park funding and economic development updates. Mr. Tarantino reported the following:

- 1) Reported that Matt Landry was working on the routing deign for sewer line to Progress Point and had met with him, representatives of the Parish and Airport Authority and the sewer district to talk about the project.
- 2) Reported on the status of the Airport access road project.
- 3) Noted that oil and gas prices were down this week due to concerns over the coronavirus
- 4) Provided a short updated on activities at the Acadiana Regional Airport

On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Roy Pontiff, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the IDF Offices.