

**Iberia Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority
met on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at
101 Burke Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

The meeting was called to order and the roll was called for.

Members Present: Cecil Hymel, Bart Romero, Damon Miguez, Fran Henderson
Others Present: Michael Tarantino, Evelyn Ducote, Jeff Simon, Matt Landry

There were no public comments.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the July, 2021 meeting minutes. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Fran Henderson, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the financials for the month of July, 2021. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Bart Romero, the financials were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to refer to agenda item #6: Discuss and consider resolution committing funds to pay all costs on the Progress Point Business Park sewer line extension project that exceed the current available state funds allocated to the project. *Resolution 082621-01*. On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Bart Romero, the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to refer to agenda item #7: Discuss and consider resolution amending the IEDA bylaws to reflect a change to the monthly meeting day, *Resolution 082621-02*. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Fran Henderson, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Simon spoke and apologized concerning the resolution that just passed, noting upon his further review, a bylaw change needed to be published prior to the Commissioners voting on the matter. He suggested that the agenda be expanded to discuss the matter. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Fran Henderson and passed unanimously, the agenda was expanded. Mr. Simon suggested that the Authority pass a motion to postpone the September IEDA meeting to the fourth Friday in September, September 24, 2021, allowing time for public notice of the proposed change to be published. The item could then be voted on by Commissioners at the September 24th meeting. Fran Henderson made a motion, seconded by Bart Romero, to postpone the September 2021 IEDA meeting until September 24, 2021, and take up the resolution to change the monthly IEDA meeting day then. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Simon went on to discuss a request by Richard's Clearview Shopping Center regarding a non-disturbance agreement they are seeking for an outparcel located on the Lewis St. and Admiral Doyle shopping center property. Discussions are ongoing.

Mr. Hymel asked Mr. Tarantino to proceed with his business park and economic development updates. Mr. Tarantino reported that the water line extension to progress point was moving forward, and we had received FP&C approval to sign the contract with Lawco. Mr. Tarantino said that the sewer line part of the project was almost ready to be bid. Matt Landry provided a project status update on the sewer line construction. Mr. Tarantino provided an update on the parish's airport access road project. Noted he and

Mr. Hymel recently met with Dr. Ramesh Kolluru concerning the proposed upgrades at the research center and the development of a Bio-Innovation Center nearby. Hopefully a presentation with our legislative delegation will happen soon to familiarize them with the project and request their assistance in moving the project forward.

Mr. Tarantino gave a short update on the current economic indicators for the parish.

On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Bart Romero, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2021 at 7:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the IDF Offices.