

**Iberia Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 25, 2022**

Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority
met on Friday, February 25, 2022 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: Bart Romero, Fran Henderson, Cecil Hymel

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

Public Comments: None

The meeting was called to order.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the February 11, 2022 special meeting minutes. On a motion by Bart Romero, seconded by Fran Henderson, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the January, 2022 regular meeting minutes. On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Bart Romero, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the financials for the month of January, 2022. Ms. Ducote noted there was nothing out of the ordinary monthly expenditures in the financials for the month. On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Bart Romero, the financials for the month of January, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review agenda item #7: Discuss and consider a resolution to approve putting the wastewater improvement project to Progress Point Business Park out for public bid, and authorizing the Chairman to sign all documents necessary to facilitate the placement of bid documents and notices. Matt Landry explained that the waste water construction at Progress Point was ready to be put out to bid. Reviewed the updated costs figures, noting they were within budget. Jeff Simon explained the public bid process. On a motion by Bart Romero, seconded by Fran Henderson the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 02252022-01

RESOLUTION HEREBY ATTESTING THAT THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE IBERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HEREBY APPROVE THE ADVERTISEMENT AND DATES FOR PUBLIC BIDDING ON WASTEWATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO PROGRESS POINT BUSINESS PARK AND AIRPORT GATEWAY, FP&C PROJECT NUMBER 50-NPD-12-01 AND APPROVES BERARD, HABETZ AND ASSOCIATES, INC TO POST AND PLACE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED, AND AUTHORIZES IEDA CHAIRMAN CECIL HYMEL TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO PUT THIS PROJECT OUT FOR PUBLIC BID

Mr. Simon noted that at the start of the infrastructure projects at Progress Point he had requested that the IEDA confirm that the waste water flow from Progress Point will be accepted by the City. Mr. Simon recommended a discussion between City and Parish officials was needed to discuss the projected rate and flow of the waste water from the park. Further discussion was held. The Board tasked Mr. Simon with coordinating a meeting between the appropriate City and Parish officials and department heads to discuss the issue. Matt Landry noted that we had a signed contract with the Parish's Sewer District #1 for them to accept our newly constructed sewer lines, maintain and operate them. After further discussion, the Board indicated their desire to hold off the bid process on the waste water project for a period of 30 days. Matt Landry said that delaying the bid request for that period of time was not going to impact the project significantly.

Mr. Hymel asked Mr. Tarantino to proceed with his business park and economic development updates. Mr. Tarantino said that work on the water line construction to Progress point was going well. Discussed the progress of the Parish's Airport Access Road project. Noted he would be working with our state legislative delegation on the continued development of Progress Point this legislative session. Reviewed the current economic indicators.

On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Bart Romero, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2022 at 7:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the IDF Offices.