

**Iberia Economic Development Authority**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, January 28, 2022**

Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority  
met on Thursday, January 28, 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: Cecil Hymel, Fran Henderson, Damon Miguez, Bart Romero

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

Public Comments: None

The meeting was called to order. A motion was made by Fran Henderson, seconded by Damon Miguez to nominate Cecil Hymel for IEDA Chairman for this calendar year. By unanimous vote, the motion was adopted. Mr. Hymel assumed the gavel.

Mr. Hymel asked for nominations for the position of IEDA Vice Chair. A motion was made by Fran Henderson, seconded by Bart Romero to nominate Damon Miguez for the position of Vice Chair. By unanimous vote, the motion was adopted. Mr. Hymel called for nominations for the position of Treasurer. A motion was made by Damon Miguez, seconded by Bart Romero to nominate Fran Henderson for the position of Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hymel called for nominations for the position of Secretary. A motion was made by Damon Miguez, seconded by Fran Henderson to nominate Bart Romero for Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the financials for the month of December, 2021. 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 Damon Miguez, the financials for the month of December, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review agenda item #7: Discuss and consider approval and acceptance of the IEDA financial review for last fiscal year. Ms. Henderson noted that the accounting firm of Postlethwaite and Netterville had reviewed the IEDA financial statements. She reported that there were no findings or adverse comments and it was a clean financial report. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Bart Romero and unanimously approved, the IEDA financial review for FY ending June 30, 2021 was unanimously approved and accepted.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review agenda item #8: Discuss and consider entering into an agreement with Central Bidding to list all public bids for IEDA projects on the Central Bidding website. Mr. Tarantino noted that there was no cost to the IEDA to use the website, and the commitment would be for one year. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Fran Henderson, and unanimously passed, Cecil Hymel, IEDA Chairman, was authorized to sign the agreement with Central Bidding to list all IEDA projects that required a public bid on the Central Bidding website.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review agenda item #9: Motion authorizing IEDA Chairman Cecil Hymel to sign all necessary disbursements and documents for contract payment #1 to LAWCO in the amount of \$355,807.60 for construction of the waterline to Progress Point Business Park as per IEDA's contract with LAWCO. Mr. Tarantino noted that this was the first contract payment, per our contract with LAWCO, and the project was progressing good. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Fran Henderson, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review agenda item # 10: Discuss request from Richards Clearview Center regarding the "Shops at New Iberia" property. Mr. Tarantino reviewed the history of the project. Mr. Simon recommended that the Commissioners pass a resolution stating that 1) the legal work on this request be referred to Mr. Jason Akers with Foley and Judell 2) Richard's Clearview pay all legal costs associated with this matter and 3) the Commissioners authorize the IEDA Chairman to sign all necessary documents needed to help facilitate and complete this deal. On a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Bart Romero, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

**RESOLUTION 01282022-01**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO NEGOTIATE ANY AGREEMENTS AND ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE REQUEST FROM RICHARDS CLEARVIEW CITY CENTER LLC. TO REMOVE THE REMAINING OUTPARCEL, DESIGNATED AS LOT A-1, FROM THE TRACT OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE IBERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LOCATED AT 900 E. ADMIRAL DOYLE DRIVE, NEW IBERIA.**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority do hereby agree in principle with the request made by Richards Clearview City Center to remove the remaining outparcel, designated as Lot A-1, from the property the IEDA owns at 900 E. Admiral Doyle Drive in New Iberia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority hereby requires that Richards Clearview City Center pay any and all costs incurred to complete the requested transaction, including any and all legal and filing fees required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority wishes to engage Jason Akers with the law firm Foley and Judell to review and handle all legal matters associated with completion of the requested real estate transaction by Richard's Clearview City Center to remove the remaining outparcel, designated as Lot A-1, from the tract of property owned by the IEDA located at 900 E. Admiral Doyle Drive, New Iberia; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that, Cecil Hymel the Chairman of the Iberia Economic Development Authority, is hereby fully authorized, empowered, instructed and directed, to negotiate all necessary actions relative to, but not limited to, the request from Richard's Clearview City Center to remove the remaining outparcel from the property of the Iberia Economic Development Authority located at 900 E. Admiral Doyle Drive, New Iberia.

Any and all acts already performed or to be performed by the said Chairman in accordance with the authorities herein granted are hereby approved, confirmed and ratified.

This Resolution was passed, approved unanimously and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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, and noted that the bid for construction on the sewer line would be happening soon. Reviewed the current economic indicators.

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