

Iberia Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 25, 2022

Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority
met on Friday, March 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: Fran Henderson, Damon Miguez, Cecil Hymel

Others Present: Michael Tarantino, Evelyn Ducote, Jeff Simon, Matt Derham, Matt Landry, Paul Landry, Marcus Broussard

Public Comments: None

The meeting was called to order.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the February 25, 2022 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 February, 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 Damon Miguez, the financials for the month of February, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review agenda item #6: Discuss and consider a resolution to approve a change order request by Lawco for the installation of an automatic flushing system to the Progress Point water line construction project. Mr. Hymel asked Matt Landry to please explain about the request. Mr. Landry said that the new water line is around 16,000 feet long and dead ends at the connection to the business park. He noted that until the line was in regular use there was going to be water quality issues, and the new line would have to be flushed out on a regular basis to maintain water quality. Noted that the flushing system should have probably been included in the original contract, but they were asking if we would approve a change order now so that Lawco would not have to send employees out on a regular basis to flush the line. Mr. Simon asked why the IEDA and state should have to pay for it since we already paid a large additional sum due to the increase in pipe costs from original contract estimates. Ms. Henderson noted we needed to conserve our funds, agreeing with Mr. Simon that we have already paid above and beyond what the original estimate was. No action was taken on the request.

Mr. Tarantino asked Mr. Derham to give a quick update on the water line project. Mr. Derham noted that Lawco was in the process of getting the water quality up to an acceptable standard for the state DHS, so the line could be noted as being "in service".

Mr. Tarantino asked for an update on the meeting with the Parish, City and Sewer District on furthering discussion on the City's acceptance of sewerage flow from Progress Point. Mr. Simon stated that the meeting was set for April 20th. Mr. Simon explained that he had asked several months ago for this meeting so all parties could discuss issues regarding treatment of the sewerage from Progress Point. Mr. Miguez asked why we were waiting on construction of the sewer line. Matt Landry with Berard, Habetz

explained the construction bidding process and noted the IEDA Commissioners at their last meeting had authorized him to put the project out for bid, but asked for a 30-day wait period so a meeting so the sewerage treatment issues could be discussed by all relevant parties. Ms. Ducote noted that the fiscal year was ending on June 30th and she was concerned that waiting any longer to put the project out to bid would extend the construction completion date after the end of the fiscal year, and it would be important that someone assured that our Capital Outlay request for the development of Progress Point would be carried forward in next year's Capital Outlay bill. Ms. Henderson noted that having the meeting is still a good idea, but indicated that she wanted to move forward with the public bid process. Mr. Hymel and Mr. Migues agreed. Mr. Matt Landry stated that he would be able to get the bidding documents updated and the proper paperwork ready for the bid to go out in two weeks or so.

Mr. Hymel asked Mr. Tarantino to proceed with his updates. Mr. Tarantino noted that the Airport Access Road project was on track, with the road beds being laid now. Noted bids for the state's round-about projects should be going out in the third quarter of this year. Noted the funding for the proposed bio-innovation center project was being worked on with our local legislators during this legislative session. Reported that the ARA site P5 was in the process of becoming a certified site and thanked Entergy for helping on this project. Reviewed the current economic indicators.

On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Damon Migues, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2022 at 7:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the IDF Offices.