

**Iberia Economic Development Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority  
met on Thursday March 24, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. at  
101 Burke Street, in New Iberia, LA 70560

Vice Chairman Fran Henderson called the meeting to order.

Ms. Henderson called for the roll

Members Present: Damon Miguez, Jim Wiggins, Fran Henderson,  
Cecil Hymel (joined meeting later) Liz Bodin (joined the meeting later)

Members Not Present:

Others Present: Michael Tarantino

There being no public comments, on a motion by Damon Miguez, seconded by Jim Wiggins, the minutes of the regular February, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Jim Wiggins, seconded by Damon Miguez, the February, 2011 financials were unanimously approved.

The Commissioners discussed Tiamerica's strategic economic development plan prepared for the IEDA and proposed revised mission statement. Mike Tarantino addressed the commission and explained that he and the committee chosen to review the strategic economic development plan had met to review the plan. The committee recommends that the IEDA Commissioners accept and receive Tiamerica's plan as completed, and adopt the priority list of projects as identified by Mr. Ed Bee with Tiamerica. On a motion by Jim Wiggins, seconded by Damon Miguez, the strategic economic development plan was accepted as complete and the priority list of projects was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mike Tarantino addressed the Commissioners about the process of the IEDA receiving accreditation from the IEDC as an AEDO (Accredited Economic Development Organization) Mr. Tarantino reviewed the certification program outline and application procedures. The commission agreed that it was in the organizations best interests to pursue certification, and instructed Mike to start putting the application documents together for further review by the commissioners.

Mike Tarantino addressed the Commissioners and informed them that an extension of the LED appropriation had been submitted to the contract monitor. Mike discussed the request from Parish Government to identify projects for possible inclusion in the new TIF District priority project list. Mike reported that he would be going to Washington, D.C. in April to meet with our Congressmen and Senators. Announced that LED Secretary Moret will be coming to Iberia Parish soon for a site visit of the Fruit Of The Loom building in Jeanerette.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Liz Bodin, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7:30 AM.