

**Iberia Economic Development Authority**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday – March 2, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.**  
Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority  
101 Burke Street, in New Iberia, LA 70560

John Bellefontaine called the special meeting to order, then called for the roll.

Members Present: John Bellefontaine, Roy Pontiff, Benny Menard, Chad Courtois

Members Absent: Jody Suire

Others Present: Michael Tarantino, Evelyn Ducote, Jeff Simon, Katie Chiasson, Fran Henderson, Reid Sellers

Mr. Bellefontaine noted there were no comments or questions from the public.

Mr. Bellefontaine noted this special meeting would include input and discussion from Iberia Industrial Development Foundation Executive Committee members on ways to sustain, develop and enhance economic development in Iberia Parish.

Mr. Bellefontaine deferred to Jeff Simon and Mike Tarantino regarding agenda item number 4: Funding Discussion. Discussion was held on the following:

- The search and development of other avenues of funding sources including, but not limited to:
  - Additional organizational CEA's (Cooperative Endeavor Agreements)
  - Possible Legislative Actions
  - Intergovernmental Agreements
  - Working with and thru commercial entities
- It was noted that Hotel/Motel sales tax collections are down
- State Visitor Enterprise funding continues to go down and may be cut out completely

Both IEDA Commissioners and IDF Executive Committee members will be informed and invited to any and all discussions with members of the Acadiana Delegation, local elected officials within City and Parish Governments, as well as with any possible commercial entities.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Benny Menard, seconded by Roy Pontiff, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:30 AM.