

Iberia Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2011

The Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority
met on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. at
101 Burke Street, in New Iberia, LA 70560

Chairman Cecil Hymel called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hymel called for the roll:

Members Present: Cecil Hymel, Liz Bodin, Jim Wiggins, Fran Henderson,

Members Not Present: Damon Miguez

Others Present: Michael Tarantino, Jeff Simon

The Chairman called for Public Comment. Mr. David LaMothe addressed the Board and encouraged everyone to attend the MEPOL seminar at the Cajundome in Lafayette on May 2-4, 2011.

On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Liz Bodin, the minutes of the regular March, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Liz Bodin, seconded by Fran Henderson, the March, 2011 financials were unanimously approved.

Mike Tarantino addressed the Commissioners about the Iberia Parish Infrastructure Master Plan updating process, and the recent kickoff meeting that was held with CSRS and local stakeholders. Discussion was held about the role the IEDA could play in the process. It was discussed that the IEDA could possibly assist the Parish and different municipalities in implementing the updates when the plan was completed. Mike noted that all the IEDA Commissioners will be invited to the next meeting.

The Commissioners discussed and considered approving the revised intergovernmental agreement with the Iberia Parish to participate in the parishwide GIS system. On a motion by Jim Wiggins, seconded by Liz Bodin, the Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the intergovernmental agreement, provided language is added to assure the IEDA access to the system.

Mike Tarantino provided an update as to the progress of the Buxton Discussion Group. He reported that the group is in the process of identifying potential sites and planning the next steps in the preparation of marketing packages to be sent to the national retailers identified in the Buxton study as good prospects for New Iberia.

Mike Tarantino addressed the Commissioners and reported that he had been approached regarding the IEDA's participation again this year in the Iberia Parish Community Resource Guide. He noted that the IEDA had advertised the past two years on the back inside cover. Discussion was held and by unanimous vote the Commissioners agreed to place the same advertisement in the guide that we did last year.

Mike Tarantino reported that Mr. Elliott Stonecipher would be giving a presentation at the May 24th IDF Networking Luncheon providing a statistical analysis of the results of the 2010 Iberia Parish Census. Invited everyone to attend “Acadiana Red and White Day” at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge on May 19, 2011.

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, May 26, 2011 at 7:30 AM.