

**Iberia Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 28, 2023**

Board of Commissioners of the Iberia Economic Development Authority
met on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. at
101 Burke Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

The meeting was called to order by Cecil Hymel and the roll was called for.

Members Present: Cecil Hymel, Cayman Crappell, Fran Henderson

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

Public Comments: None

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the March, 2023 meeting minutes. On a motion by Cayman Crappell, seconded by Fran Henderson, the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to review the financials for the month of March, 2023. 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 Cayman Crappell, the financials for the month of March, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to discuss and consider approval of Resolution 04282023-01, to approve Amendment #1 to Owner-Engineer agreement with Berard, Habetz & Associates for project 50-NPD-12-01. Mr. Tarantino explained that since the cost of the construction of the sewer line to Progress Point Business Park had increased, we needed to increase the contract amount with Berard, Habetz to reflect the increase in engineering costs. On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Cayman Crappell, the following resolution passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION 04282023-01

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO OWNER-ENGINEER AGREEMENT WITH BERARD, HABETZ & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR MODIFICATIONS OF PAYMENT TO ENGINEER ON PROJECT 50-NPD-12-01 "PROGRESS POINT BUSINESS PARK AND AIRPORT GATEWAY" BY \$1,615.00 TO BRING THE TOAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT TO \$49,115.00.

Mr. Hymel asked the Commissioners to discuss and consider changing the date of the May IEDA meeting from Friday, May 26th to Friday, May 19th. Mr. Tarantino noted that the original date was the start of the Memorial Day weekend, and felt that it would be better to change the date to the 19th in order to make quorum for the meeting. On a motion by Fran Henderson, seconded by Cayman Crappell, the motion passed unanimously, and the May IEDA meeting will be on the 19th.

Mr. Tarantino proceeded with his business park and economic indicators update. Reported he had talked to the property owner he was dealing with about our proposed option agreement for their property. The owner was still in the process of talking with all involved parties and getting them in agreement. Noted we were working with the UL Ragin Cajun Facilities Foundation on a list of tasks relevant to the design and development of the Bio Innovation Center at Progress Point for Fenstermaker to incorporate into

their proposed Master Services Agreement before sending the agreement on to Facility Planning and Control for their concurrence. Noted they have cleared an approximate 100,000 square foot area on the land where the facility will be located. Mr. Tarantino noted they will need ongoing construction style access to the site. Mr. Simon suggested that Mr. Tarantino speak with UL to see what other areas and/or improvements they may need when the heavy construction starts. Reported a groundbreaking for the project will be held soon. Provided a short update on other businesses interested in locating in Progress Point. Announced that sewer line construction to Progress Point is completed. Matt Landry suggested that we meet with Sewer District #1 to discuss transfer of the lines to the sewer district. Reviewed the current economic indicators.

On a motion by Cayman Crappell, seconded by Fran Henderson, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the IDF Offices.