

June 14, 2012

The Industrial Development Board and the Industrial Development District met at their regular meeting place in the Council Chambers located at 500 North Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana on June 14, 2012, at 8:00 a.m., with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Bourgeois, Mr. Levens

ABSENT: Vacant seat in District 4

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Mr. Bourgeois followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Levens.

Motion was made by Mr. Levens seconded by Mr. Bergeron that item #5 be added to the agenda.

Discussion for the replacement of Abe Fontenot on the Industrial Development Board.

Mayor Duncan stated that this item was being added due to the agenda already being published. No comment was made from the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mr. Bergeron seconded by Mrs. Brown that the agenda stand as changed. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda is a resolution electing a President/Vice-President for the Sulphur Industrial Development Board. Motion was made by Mr. Hardy seconded by Mr. Bergeron that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

## RESOLUTION

Resolution electing a President/Vice-President for the Sulphur Industrial Development Board.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Industrial Development Board of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby elect R.K. Levens as President and Thomas Bourgeois as Vice-President for the Sulphur Industrial Development Board.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Levens, Mr. Bourgeois

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vacant seat in District 4

And the said resolution was duly adopted on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

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DONNA BROWN, Secretary

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R.K. LEVENS, President

The next item on the agenda is a resolution electing one (1) member to serve on the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board and their authorized substitute (term expires 2014). Motion was made by Mr. Bourgeois seconded by Mr. Bergeron that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

## RESOLUTION

Resolution electing one (1) member to serve on the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board and their authorized substitute.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Industrial Development Board of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby elect R.K. Levens to serve on the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board and John Hardy as his authorized substitute with terms to expire 2014.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Levens, Mr. Bourgeois

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vacant seat in District 4

And the said resolution was duly adopted on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

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DONNA BROWN, Secretary

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R.K. LEVENS, President

The next item on the agenda is a resolution electing one (1) member to serve on the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board and their authorized substitute which shall be approved by the Sulphur City Council (term expires 2013). Motion was made by Mr. Bourgeois seconded by Mrs. Brown that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution electing one (1) member to serve on the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board and their authorized substitute.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Industrial Development Board of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby elect Bill Hankens to serve on the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board and Randy Favre as his authorized substitute which shall be approved by the Sulphur City Council with terms to expire 2013.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Levens, Mr. Bourgeois

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vacant seat in District 4

And the said resolution was duly adopted on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

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DONNA BROWN, Secretary

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R.K. LEVENS, President

The next item on the agenda is an update from John Bruce on negotiations with Entergy on railroad spur. Mr. Bruce stated that a letter of intent will be executed within the next 10 days. This letter will state that the City will help with the cost (approx. \$175,000). This is the first part. The next step will be in 2013. He also stated that it's already gone through the capital outlay process. Mayor Duncan stated that the City needs to make a move because Jindal may move the

\$2.2 million if it's not used. Mr. Koonce asked if the City was going to buy property for landowners or just the railroad spur. Mr. Bruce stated that a decision hadn't been made yet. The right of access hadn't been resolved. Mr. Koonce then asked if tenants were going to be charge to use the spur. Mayor Duncan stated that will be part of the negotiations process. Once the access is there then the Industrial Board and Council will have to make that decision. Mr. Levens stated that will be a bargaining tool for the City.

The next item on the agenda is a discussion concerning the replacement of Abe Fontenot on the Industrial Board. Mr. Levens stated that Tab Finchum's name was suggested. Even though Mr. Finchum lives in Lake Charles, he has had a business in Sulphur for over 30 years. State legislation doesn't say Board members have to live in Sulphur. Mr. Finchum is a very strong advocate. Mr. Bourgeois asked if any other members had any suggestions. Mr. Hardy said Mike Moore showed some interest. Mayor Duncan stated that he has a call into the Ethics Board since Mr. Moore works for the Tax Assessor's office. They have some concerns about Mr. Moore since he will be assessing the property for the spur. They will look at it and let us know. The members stated that since they just found out about Abe Fontenot resigning they couldn't think of anyone off-hand that would be interested. Mayor Duncan stated that if they think of someone that would be interested to let Randy Favre know since it's his appointment. Mr. Levens stated that he will send a letter to Mr. Favre asking to appoint Mr. Finchum.

Mike Koonce, Navarre Street, addressed the Board and stated that he feels this Board member should live in Sulphur. He doesn't have anything against Mr. Finchum but he lives in Lake Charles and one day we may be competing with Lake Charles on something and that could be a conflict.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the President declared the

meeting adjourned.

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DONNA BROWN, Secretary

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R.K. Levens, President

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8:37 A.M.