

EASTERN WV REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY- OCTOBER 2, 2012

Members Present: Rick Wachtel, Col. Jim Reuss, Hunter Wilson, Rich Talbott, and Maria Lorensen.

Members Absent: Steve Cox

Also Present: Bill Walkup, Joyce McDonald, Tom McKenzie, Elaine Mauck, Larry Kump, Creighton Propps, Ed Gallagher, Bart Rogers, Kathy Mason, Major John Poland, John McVey, George Smith, Hank Willard, and Mike Folk.

Rick Wachtel brought the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the airport terminal conference room. The members were sent the meeting minutes from the last airport authority meeting prior to this meeting for their review.

Hunter Wilson made a motion to approve as written and submitted the Airport Authority Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2012 with Col. Reuss giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Joyce McDonald gave the operating fund amount of \$ 6,987.05 in the general account.

1st Item on the Agenda: Petitions from Citizens

Bart Rogers spoke on behalf as the airport historian. He has a silk scarf from the widow of Arch Clohan (he was a gunner in WWII) which he would like to put on display. He would like to work on a display for Luke Terry. He presented some historic pictures and stated that he would like to do an exhibit on the Atkinson Family. This family was local and lost two sons while flying. He also stated that next year in June will mark the 90th birthday of the airport and he would like to have a celebration at the airport at that time. He also stated that he has more donated books that could be put into a library here at the airport. He would like to see more space dedicated to the library. He also mentioned that a local pilot Guy Reynolds will be 100 on November 30th of this year. He and other local pilots are planning a birthday party for him at the airport on his birthday. Rich Talbott stated that Bart is a great asset to the airport and its history and commended him on not only all of his work that he has put into the museum in the lobby of the terminal but into all of the work Bart puts into the airport.

At this time Rick Wachtel welcomed Maria Lorensen to her first meeting as a new Airport Authority member.

2nd Item on the Agenda: Update on Potential New Hangars

Rich Talbott has been working on the issue of whether Davis Bacon Wages apply to building at the airport. He found out that he thinks Davis Bacon does not apply to the hangar project. He talked with a lady in the Wage & Hour Department in Pittsburgh. He also found out that WV Prevailing Wages and Davis Bacon go together when building. He talked with Larry Walker at the WV Dept. of Labor and he stated that we may have to apply the prevailing wages in WV. He is going to do some homework with the Cumberland Airport since they are re-building hangars that were burnt. These wages if applied will still escalate the cost of the hangar construction project. . Larry Kump gave some information on the WV Prevailing Wages. He explained that Davis Bacon is federal law for federal projects. Prevailing Wages are for West Virginia law for West Virginia projects. There isn't much of a difference in the rates between Davis Bacon and Prevailing Wages. Prevailing Wages is West Virginia law mandating construction projects where there are private contractors that sets the wage rate because of the Washington DC labor market. This is a topic in legislature every year. The legislature looks at doing away with it completely or mandate to the Department of Labor to not base the prevailing wages outside of the state wages. Rick also mentioned that the Airport Authority would like to obtain letters of interest and commitment from potential hangar tenants.

3rd Item on the Agenda: Air Show Update

Rick Wachtel asked Tom McKenzie to report on the Air Show which was held on September 15 and 16. Tom stated that the weather was perfect and the event was well attended. He did not have any major mishaps and that the Air National Guard did a very good job. He also commended the Aero Smith staff for helping and that they did a good job. Major Poland also added that Col. Nye was pleased with the civilians and the Airport Authority for all of their help.

4th Item on the Agenda: Consideration of Change in Meeting Times

Rick Wachtel stated that Rich Talbott wanted a re-consideration of the change in meeting times and the frequency of meetings for the Airport Authority. Rick Wachtel said that he reviewed the Roberts Rules of Order and found that a 2/3 vote was needed from the prevailing members on the floor to re-consider this item. The prevailing members would have to vote to put this item back for a vote. Rich Talbott also would like to modify the request to add the frequency of meetings to be added to that item. Rick stated that the Airport Authority could have a special meeting at any time when requested. Rick asked for a vote from the prevailing members to reconsider this item. There was no motion from the prevailing members to vote on this item. No motion was made.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rick Wachtel thanked Rich Talbott for his work on obtaining the flags to be flown in front of the terminal building.

Rick will be at the Aeronautics Commission Meeting next week.

Rick also talked with the WV Development Office to help the Airport Authority in renewing interest in marketing the Airport property to potential industrial clients who are looking at WV and was assured that the Development Office will feature the Airport at trade shows in the future. The next meeting will be Tuesday-November 13, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the airport terminal conference room.

Hunter Wilson stated that the final report for the Inland Port will be due out at the end of October and will be presented at the next meeting.

Joyce reported that the Airport Authority received three proposals to perform the audit who were Tetrick & Bartlett; Leland O'Neal CPA; and Perry and Associates. There is a grading process that needs to be completed for the selection.

The highest scored firm will be sent a contract for the Audit Office.

Joyce also stated that she did a composite of the Airport rents and land leases with some background on each to help the members to understand the revenue basis at the Airport.

Rich Talbott stated that he was concerned about the budget of the Airport Authority. He stated that he is getting asked from others as to why the Airport Authority's budget is low at this point. Rick stated that all rents are up to date and he can only explain that the Authority took a hit with losing Arcadia land leases; office space and losing the restaurant along with the loss of income from the Air National Guard Joint Use Agreement. These things have played a significant role in the loss of revenues.

Col. Reuss made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Hunter Wilson giving a second. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.