

EASTERN WV REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES  
FOR OCTOBER 8, 2008 – WEDNESDAY

REVISED: NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Members present: Rick Wachtel, Col. Jim Reuss, Bob Burkhart and Steve Cox

Members absent: Hunter Wilson and Bob McMillan

Also present: Mike Keller, Bill Walkup, Joyce McDonald Tom McKenzie, Bobbie Miller, George Smith, Bob Sagers, Joann and Ron Porterfield, Mike Folk, A.J. Kaziak, Sarah Via, Rich Talbott, Jeff Bubar, Nic Diehl, Col. Rod Neely and Linda Stater.

Rick Wachtel, Chairman, brought the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the terminal conference room on the second floor.

1<sup>ST</sup> ITEM ON THE AGENDA: PETITION TO CITIZENS

Mike Folk signed the sheet to speak. He mentioned that on the web site there were some minutes that were under the wrong dates. He also handed to each member a copy of the February 16, 2007 minutes where the Authority voted on Procedures for Public Address. In those minutes it gave citizens 30 minutes to sign up on a sheet to speak at the end of the meeting. He stated that the Authority was not following its own procedures by allowing the Petition to Citizens at the beginning of the meeting.

Linda Statler also stated concerns she had that she did not get enough publicity during the Air Show. She mentioned that she is struggling to keep the restaurant open and thought the publicity from the Air Show would help her business. She felt she got no cooperation from the Authority or the Air Show committee.

Rick mentioned that the Agenda Item # 5 would be moved to now.

2<sup>ND</sup> ITEM ON THE AGENDA: AIR SHOW UPDATE

Nic Diehl of the Air Show Committee commented on the Air Show. He wanted to publicly thank the Airport Authority for its part in allowing the Air Show at the Airport and for letting Bill Walkup to take time for all of his help for the Air Show. He mentioned that all of the numbers were not in to date but the Air Show made approximately \$ 43,000.00 and that the Authority should receive around \$ 13,000.00.

At this time, Bill requested that from those proceeds that the Authority would approve to spend money to allow Bill and Nic to go to the International Air Show Conference in December. Bob Burkhart suggested getting estimated costs to go to the Conference for the next meeting.

Prior to the meeting the members were sent the Airport Authority minutes.

Bob Burkhart made a motion to approve as written and submitted the Airport Authority meeting minutes of September 3, 2008 with Steve Cox giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Joyce gave the current bank balance of \$ 17,964.57.

3<sup>RD</sup> ITEM ON THE AGENDA: JEFF GROVE LEASE RENEWAL

Jeff Grove wrote a letter to the Airport Authority on behalf of his company Eastern Tech. Corp. requesting to extend his annual lease for another year at the same terms and conditions as the existing lease. Jim Reuss made a motion to renew the Eastern Technical Corp. lease for one year with the same terms and conditions as the existing lease with Bob Burkhart giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Rick stated again for the record, that when the Minimum Operating Standards have been reviewed by the Committee and the members, copies will be made available for review to all tenants and the public for their review and comments.

4<sup>TH</sup> ITEM ON THE AGENDA: PORT AUTHORITY REPORT

Rick mentioned that there was no news to report on the Port Authority status. He does know that Cem Martin is still working on finding funding for a study that needs to be done.

5<sup>TH</sup> ITEM ON THE AGENDA: A.I.P. PROJECT UPDATES

Bill Walkup reported that Valentine Electric is currently working on the new beacon. He also reported that he has the report that was done on the borings on Taxiway E & C and the numbers were high which means the surface is very strong. Anyone that would like a copy of this report needs to let Joyce know and she will get a copy to you.

Bill stated that Tom McKenzie is working with Ron Porterfield to pick a winch to help him to get his plane in the hangar since the construction at his hangar has made it difficult for him to move his aircraft. Tom built ramps to help Ron with his aircraft, but still needed more assistance to get his plane in the hangar. Tom stated that he and Ron agreed on a winch and remote which will cost close to \$ 1,000.00. Bill and Tom recommended getting this winch for Mr. Porterfield. Jim Reuss made a motion to purchase the winch ( item no. 14108-2506), install and modify for Mr. Porterfield's aircraft with the understanding that Mr. Porterfield maintain the equipment and his successors with Steve Cox giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

No news from the Air National Guard. Rick wanted Rod Neely to pass along how much the Airport Authority appreciated all of the hard work that the Guard did to help with the Air Show.

Joyce mentioned that there are copies of the completed Audit for review.

Bob Burkhart asked about the answer to the email question that Mr. Folk brought up at the last meeting. No one had any answers about when emails become public from public officials. Mike Keller was not sure with out doing some research on this subject.

Rick stated that the next meeting date will be November 5, 2008.

Jim Reuss made a motion to go into executive session for real estate matters with Bob Burkhart giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Jim Reuss made a motion to come out of executive session and back into regular session with Steve Cox giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Rick stated that the Airport Authority received an offer from the United States Guard Bureau for the Joint Use Agreement.

Steve Cox made a motion to reject the recent offer from the United States Guard Bureau for the Joint Use Agreement and to negotiate for a higher figure for three years by the advice being offered by our consultant.

The motion dies for no second.

Bob Burkhart made a motion to accept the \$ 45,000.00 offer made by the Guard Bureau with Jim Reuss seconding the motion. Two were for and one opposed. The motion was carried.

Rick stated that at this time the agreement will be under review by Mike Keller.

At this time Mr. Folk stated that Bob Burkhart should not be voting on this issue. Mr. Wachtel had to tell Mr. Folk that his comments were out of order. Mr. Folk continued to protest Mr. Burkhart's involvement and Mr. Wachtel had to state that he was out of order again.

Mike Keller stated that there may be a couple of changes to the drafted agreement that the Guard Bureau sent

Bob Burkhart made a motion to agree to the \$ 45,000.00 offer made by the Guard Bureau and to remove the duplication made regarding snow removal and moving aircraft and to allow the Chairman to execute the agreement once the changes are complete by the attorney with Jim Reuss giving a second. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Steve Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jim Reuss giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.