

THE EASTERN WV REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2011

Members Present: Rick Wachtel, Steve Cox, Hunter Wilson, Bob Burkhart, Rodney Woods and Col. Jim Reuss

Also Present: Bill Walkup, Joyce McDonald, Tom McKenzie, Mike Keller, Elaine Mauck, John McVey, Larry Kump, Creighton Propps, Rich Talbott, Mike Folk, George Smith, Hank Willard, Calvin Kief, Ron Porterfield, Ron Niblett, Kathy Mason and B. J. DeFelice.

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

The members were sent last month's meeting minutes prior to this meeting for their review.

Bob Burkhart made a motion to approve as written and submitted the meeting minutes of November 8, 2011 with Col. Reuss giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Joyce McDonald gave the current general bank account balance of \$ 8,692.87.

1st Item on the Agenda: Petitions from Citizens

Larry Kump inquired about air travel with a connector between Martinsburg and Hagerstown. Rick responded to him by saying that the Dept. of Transportation hired The Boyd Group to perform a study on intrastate commercial flights. The study stated that the State would have to subsidize the Eastern WV Regional Airport Authority for approximately 1.2 million dollars. He stated that if/and when he gets the study he would make sure those that wanted it could get a copy.

Mike Folk inquired about the Arcadia and Aero Smith.

Rich Talbott stated that he would like to give a presentation to the County Council and would like some help in getting his facts correct when making that presentation. He stated that he has not gotten any cooperation in the past. Rick stated that he could call him any time to set up a meeting time.

2nd Item on the Agenda: WV Dept. of Transportation/Highways Proposal

Rick gave an update on this item. He stated that the WV Department of Highways gave an offer to the Eastern WV Regional Airport Authority pertaining to property that ran along Novak Drive that the Highways would like to purchase in the amount of \$ 6, 500.00. Mr. Chaz Printz of Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graff & Love was the attorney that was working on the Airport Authority's behalf. The Airport Authority asked Chaz Printz to counter offer in the amount of \$ 15,000.00. He came back to the Airport Authority with approval from the Dept. of Highways who accepted the offer of \$ 15,000.00. A copy of the survey was available for the members to review. Mike Keller had the appropriate documents for execution but wanted to compare the survey with the boundary description in the documents. Steve Cox made a motion to accept the \$ 15,000.00 offer from the Dept. of Highways and to allow the Chairman to execute the necessary documents after the attorney's review and approval. Hunter Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

3rd Item on the Agenda: Joint Use Agreement Update

Rick did state that he received a reply on November 28, 2011 from Peter Tunison of the Asset Management Division of the USAF. This reply stated that it would only give the Airport Authority \$ 1.00 a year for Joint Use for a five (5) year term. Rick stated that an inquiry was made to Shelly Capito pertaining to this situation. There has been no reply. No action was taken.

4th Item on the Agenda: Air Methods Agreement

Bill Walkup stated that Air Methods is operating in the formerly Arcadia hangar and an operating agreement should be in place between them and the Eastern WV Regional Airport Authority. He invited Ron Niblett representing Air Methods to attend this meeting for discussion. Mr. Niblett stated that he has no agreement at this time and would need more details to put into the Agreement such as will there be any costs involved? He stated that Air Methods does 35 to 45 flights a month from Martinsburg with a significant amount of transfers. No action was taken.

5th Item on the Agenda: Wierton Port Authority Presentation

Mr. B. J. DeFelice, President of the Wierton Area Port Authority, Inc. made a power point presentation pertaining to the Eastern WV Regional Airport Authority's participation in federal funding avenues to benefit both the Weirton and Martinsburg areas along with other areas in West Virginia. There was discussion after the presentation. Hunter Wilson made a motion to table this item and not to enter into any agreement with the Weirton Port Authority until it is determined that there would be no conflict of interest with the Eastern Panhandle Inland Port Authority. Rodney Woods seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Hunter Wilson made a motion to go into executive session for real estate and legal matters with Rodney Woods seconding the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Executive Session began at 9:40 a.m...

Mike Keller and Steve Cox were excused during the executive session.

Hunter Wilson made a motion to come out of executive session and back into regular session at 10:05 with Bob Burkhart giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Rick stated that no action was taken during executive session.

The next Airport Authority meeting will be January 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the terminal building.

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

The meeting was adjourned.