

EASTERN WV REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
FOR JULY 11, 2007 – WEDNESDAY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Wachtel, Steve Cox, Hunter Wilson, Bob McMillan, and Col. Jim Reuss.

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Keller, Bill Walkup, Joyce McDonald, Rob Garrett, George Smith, Col. Burkhart, John Lease, Sarah Via, Ron Porterfield, Mike Folk, Hank Williard, Linda Statler, David Brinson, Rodney Judd, and Peter Chakmakian.

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

He asked the public to sign the sheet if they wished to speak to the Airport Authority.

Steve Cox made a motion to approve the June 6, 2007 meeting minutes as written and submitted with Col. Reuss giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Rick stated that the minutes of the Special Airport Authority meeting on June 27, 2007 will be discussed in executive session.

Joyce McDonald gave the current general bank account balance of \$ 1,316.27.

1ST ITEM ON THE AGENDA: PETITIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mike Folk signed the sheet but had nothing to say.

Linda Statler stated that she has had problems with the oven in the restaurant. Rick suggested that with all of the problems with this oven, call the manufacturer to replace the oven or refund the money next week if the problem is not resolved. If they do not respond, Bob McMillan suggested having the attorney write them a letter.

No other public comments.

2ND ITEM ON THE AGENDA: A.I.P. UPDATE

Rick stated that the Arcadia Fuel Farm Relocation will be on the next month's agenda.

Minimum Operating Standards Agreement. Bill stated that we received the contract from L. Robert Kimball and Associates.

2007 Project Bids. The bids were opened for the 2007 Projects. Panhandle Builders received the low bid for the loop road and parking area. Jefferson Asphalt received the low bid for the Taxiway E construction. The Grant Offer from FAA is for \$ 928,461.00 with State and Local match each being \$ 24,433.00. The total project is \$977,327.00. The project includes Taxiway E construction, Loop Access Road, Parking Area, Taxi lane Design and Revised Minimum Operating Standards.

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The Authority received a letter from L. Robert Kimball pertaining to the request for costs to investigate rates for the airport. They would be willing to gather the data at a cost of \$ 3,500.00 which would not be included in the Grant.

Rick Wachtel mentioned that at the last meeting the Authority adopted the motion to allow L. Robert Kimball to be granted a contract for the Minimum Operating Standards revision. The contract is in hand and the Chairman will execute the contract after the meeting.

Steve Cox made a motion to accept the FAA Grant # 3-54-0014-023-2007 for a total amount of \$ 977,327.00 and to accept the low bidders of Panhandle Builders and Jefferson Asphalt. Bob McMillan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Col. Burkhart gave a report on the runway 26 construction project. He stated that the DOD successfully awarded a contract for approx. 18 million dollars to go 800 feet west, to reinstall the localizer. Head Inc. from Columbus Ohio was the successful bidder. On July 30th, the runway will go to 2300 feet for the 90 day contract and on October 30th the runway will go to 5600 feet. Then in December is will go to 6600 feet for winter shut-down. He stated that the new hangar is 80,604 square feet.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rick stated that this item is an emergency item and is added to the agenda. The request is from Home Depot. Mr. Rodney Judd is making the request for Home Depot. He explained that Home Depot is expanding its distribution center in Winchester Virginia. Product is being imported with no where to go until the expansion of the facility is complete. The product will be in trailers ranging from 100 to 250 at any given time. This will be for a 3 month to a one year period. They would like to lease six (6) acres of hard surface to include fencing, lighting and security. In return for this space, Home Depot would pay a maximum amount of \$12,500.00 per month.

Rick stated for the record that Home Depot representative Mr. Al Boshen first contacted Bob Crawford with the Development Authority looking for hard surface space. Mr. Crawford then referred them to the Airport Authority on last Friday. Bill Walkup mentioned that the hard surface would be on the closed Runway 35 and use the new maintenance hangar entrance.

Arcadia Aviation had concerns on several levels pertaining to this proposal due to the fact that they are building an aircraft hangar to house aircraft that will be

using that space also... Rob Garrett representing Arcadia Aviation voiced his concerns pertaining to his business ventures at the airport.

Rick suggested a three month agreement.

Bob McMillan made a motion to authorize Home Depot to house trailers on the old runway 35 in a six (6) acre area to be fenced and secured for a 90 day period not to exceed November 1, 2007 with the understanding that the current tenant and prospective tenants need to approve the ingress and egress access and procedures to be coordinated with the Airport Manager at a cost of \$12,500.00 per month to be paid to the Airport Authority. Steve Cox seconded the motion. The motion was carried 3 to 1.

Bill Walkup mentioned that the Air Show Committee would like to have a light mixer on the evening of August 18th at the terminal for past sponsors of the 2005 Air Show. Aircraft will be on display.

Rick also mentioned that Senator Yoder approached him to obtain some language for aircraft corporate property tax to be placed on the agenda for the September Session in the Eastern Panhandle. He received such language. A resolution dealing with this issue will be on voted upon at the Aeronautics Commission meeting at the end of July.

Rick mentioned some preliminary work has been done on some methodology to attract scheduled service to MRB when renovations are complete. Yeager Airport has been helpful with recommendations. One recommendation is not to go into negotiations without a consulting group. Rick suggested getting proposals from one or more consulting firms for a cost to bring a consultant on board in developing a plan of action or proposal to give to scheduled air service companies. The Airport Authority agreed to this suggestion.

The next meeting date is August 1, 2007.

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

Executive session began at 9:25 a.m.

Bob McMillan made a motion to come out of executive session back into the regular meeting with Steve Cox giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Bob McMillan made a motion to allow the Chairman and the Airport Authority to contact and negotiate with a trustee to have the Eastern WV Regional Airport Authority buy Tiger Aircraft and lease to a company to be named later at no financial exposure to the Airport Authority. Hunter Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Steve Cox made a motion to approve the sales agreement with Mr. Garland Martin with the acknowledgement of the Height Restriction Zoning ordinance and excludes residential housing development on lots 8, 9 and 10 on the previously supplied plat. A survey is to be completed that is acceptable to Airport Authority with FAA approval to be paid by Mr. Garland Martin. The price for this property would be \$ 20,000.00 and Mr. Martin agrees to pay attorney fees up to \$ 900.00. Bob McMillan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Bob McMillan made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting with Col. Jim Reuss seconding the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.