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### Minutes of Airport Authority Meeting Regular Meeting 12 October, 2015 6:00PM

#### Attendees:

Cmr. Dick Morrow (C)  
Mr. Brett Lavender  
Mr. Larry Johnson

Cmr. Joanne Todd (S/T)  
Cmr. Raymond Ray  
Mr. Louis Thacker

Cmr. Bart Miller  
Mr. Carl Pruett

#### Also in Attendance:

Judge William Johnston (Airport Authority Legal Counsel)  
Cmr. Don Hawbaker (County Commissioner)  
Mr. Kenny Smith (City Manager)  
Mr. Mike Van Wie (Michael Baker Consulting)  
Mr. Robert Mohl (Airport Director)

#### **I. Call to Order:**

At 6:00PM with a quorum present the Chairman Cmr. Dick Morrow called the meeting to order.

#### **II. Adopt Minutes:**

##### **a. 14 September, Rules & Regulations Public Workshop:**

Motion: Mr. Brett Lavender 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Larry Johnson (8-0)

##### **b. 14 September, Regular Meeting:**

Motion: Mr. Brett Lavender 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cmr. Joanne Todd (8-0)

#### **III. Audience Comments:** - None

#### **IV. Presentation Aviation Environment:** Mr. Louis Thacker

- a. Mr. Louis Thacker presented Aeronautical Chart of the ATL region highlighting aviation activity and associated business density. Additionally, Mr. Thacker briefed the Authority on the ADS-B apparent unfunded mandate on aircraft owner to take effect in 2020 (see attached). Mr. Carl Pruett asked, "After the mandate takes effect, what is the penalty to aircraft owners who violate the identified airspace?" Consensus seemed to be some sort of civil penalty may be imposed upon violation of the new regulation.

#### **V. Report of Committees:**

- a. **Budget & Finance:** No Report at this Time.
- b. **Legal & Insurance:** – No Report at this Time.
- c. **Personnel** – No Report at this Time
- d. **Property & Assets** – No Report at this Time

## Report of Committees (continued):

- e. **Marketing:** – Cmr. Morrow stated that he is discussing with Mr. David Luckie of the Spalding County Development Authority as to the next steps in making both the current and new airport more marketable. Specifically setting up an “Open House” date to bring in all the local Realtors to educate them on the facility and what the potential buyers may be looking for. One of the items discussed is developing another entrance onto the current airfield from the industrial areas off Everree Inn / Cain Street that will make the current airfield more desirable for businesses and industries that utilize large commercial trucking.
- f. **Tenant Issues:** – No Report at this Time

## VI. Old Business:

- a. **New Airport Update – Staff Workshop Report:** The meeting scheduled for earlier in the afternoon has been cancelled due to the Federal Holiday. Cmr. Morrow briefly discussed previous agenda items bringing the Authority up-to-date on open items.
- b. **Discuss / Adopt – Rules Regulations for NGSA:** A few comments regarding the proposed draft Rules & Regulations were submitted during the 30-day-open-comment-period for consideration. Therefore, Cmr. Morrow has directed the Legal & Insurance Committee to go back over the draft Rules & Regulations one more time, to see if the comments should be incorporated into our draft document. The Rules & Regs draft will be presented at our 09 November 2015 meeting for Authority vote.
- c. **Discuss / Adopt – Minimum Standards for NGSA:** A few comments regarding the proposed draft Minimum Standards were submitted during the 30-day-open-comment-period for consideration. Therefore, Cmr. Morrow has directed the Legal & Insurance Committee to go back over the draft Minimum Standards one more time to see if the comments should be incorporated into our draft document. The Minimum Standards draft will be presented at our 09 November 2015 meeting for Authority vote.

## VII. New Business:

- a. **Work Authorization, Phase II, Land Release – Golf Course:** Mr. Louis Thacker motioned to conditionally approve WA 21 (see attached), contingent upon the action of the City of Griffin Board of Commissioners. Cmr. Raymond Ray seconded. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0).
- b. **Work Authorization, Airport Business Planning Services – Michael Baker Intl.:** Cmr. Joanne Todd motioned to approve WA 22 (see attached). Mr. Louis Thacker seconded. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0).

## VIII. Airport Director’s Report:

AD provided standard monthly data reports regarding airfield expenditures, revenues and trends for the month ending 30 September 2015. (see attached). AD also reported that he is in receipt of our new 2 year operating license as approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation (see attached).

## IX. Authority Member Comments:

- Cmr. Morrow – Regarding New Airport Rules & Regulations and Minimum Standards. It is important that we get the first step completed. We have many tasks that need to get started all of which refer back to these Rules & Regs and Minimum Standards. So I must be insistent that we pass a set of documents at our November meeting so that our current and future businesses know what is going on. Allow me to read the preamble; *PREAMBLE: This Minimum Standards document is intended to provide a basic framework for new commercial activities seeking to provide services at the new (replacement) Griffin-Spalding County Airport. It is the intention of the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority to modify these Minimum Standards to accommodate the owners of businesses at the current Airport as they are relocated to the new (replacement) airport. This accommodation will ensure that a new commercial activity will be required to provide the same level of facilities that our existing commercial activities provide.* Let me say this “ Our existing airport has been losing money, forever. Part of it is, the Minimum Standards and Rules were set to a nature that it never made money. I am determined, if I have anything to say about it, the new airport as it should be, will be profitable from the beginning. And that means that you have to have Rules and Minimum Standards in affect that change the business model...

**Authority Member Comments (continued):**

...And also it will protect our existing businesses so that every Tom, Dick and Harry with a pick-up-truck can't pull onto the airport and claim to be doing business there. You have to have minimum standards to protect our existing businesses as we move them. So, we can set these standards and if necessary we can reduce them or modify them for situations. But if you start with a lousy weak set of standards, you can't go stronger. So you want to start with a good strict set and you can always modify towards the weaker side to make allowances. If somebody thinks these are a little too tough to start with, that's ok. We can come down we can't go up. And that's the end of my editorial."

- Mr. Thacker objected to having the documents posted for the 30 day comment period, in a format that you cannot make comments in. Posting in the PDF format does not allow you to do anything with it. We needed it in a form that we could work on. Mr. Van Wie stated that the decision to put them out in a PDF format is for Authority protection, meaning that there would not be multiple copies, out in the public arena that could have been misinterpreted, after someone's modification, as being published by the Authority. Mr. Thacker stated that he understood that but stated that we as Authority members should be allowed to have a copy that we can work with. Cmr. Morrow stated that, you as an Authority member can have one, but that distributions to the general public will be made in PDF format. All you have to do is write down the number or section number you want to discuss then print your change as you would in word format.
- Mr. Brett Lavender asked, "For clarification purposes, we are still accepting comments until the cutoff on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October as posted, at which time we will take all the comments to the committee in order to formulate a final draft to be presented to the Authority on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November?" Cmr. Morrow, "Yes, that is correct."
- Cmr. Bart Miller inquired as to when Georgia Power was going to give us a cost on the study for the power transmission line relocation. Cmr. Morrow stated that they have informed us that they will not be going underground as it was 4 to 6 times more cost. They are looking at a couple of routes around the perimeter but they have not given us a cost yet. The person at Ga. Power who has been working on this is out on medical leave.
- Cmr. Morrow thanked Mr. Louis Thacker for his presentation earlier. It was very informative and is the kind of issues that we will be facing in the future. The graphic he showed is exactly right. It is crowded and very expensive up in North Atlanta. This represents to us an incredible opportunity. We will be less expensive, we will not be congested, we will be where the businesses will want to be. Mr. Thacker stated that this is true. We are opening the door to development for new business, but we want to be user-friendly. We have to say "We have a place you want to be."

**X. Next Regular Airport Authority Board Meeting :** 12 October, 2015 6PM  
**Location :** One Griffin Center

**XI. Adjournment:** At 6:58 PM, Cmr. Raymond Ray motioned to adjourn. Mr. Larry Johnson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved (8-0).

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanne Todd  
Secretary,  
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority

Cc:  
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority  
Kenny Smith, City Manager  
William Wilson, County Manager