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Minutes of Airport Authority Meeting

13 October, 2014

6:00PM

Attendees:

Cmr. Dick Morrow (C)	Mr. Ron Alexander (VC)	Cmr. Bart Miller
Cmr. Joanne Todd (S)	Cmr. Raymond Ray	Mr. Brett Lavender
Mr. Carl Pruettt	Mr. Larry Johnson	Mr. Louis Thacker

Also in Attendance:

Mr. William Wilson (County Manager)
Mr. Mike Reiter (Baker Consulting Group)
Mr. Robert Mohl (Airport Director)

I. Call to Order:

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

- II. Adopt Minutes:** The Chairman made a request to entertain a motion to accept the minutes from the Airport Authority Meeting held on 08 September 2014, Cmr. Raymond Ray motioned to accept the minutes, Mr. Larry Johnson seconded, the motion was approved (9-0).

- III. Audience Comments:** - None

IV. Old Business:

- a. **FBO Ramp Monitoring Well Closure (Final Report):** AD briefed the Authority on the details regarding the closure of the monitoring wells located on the FBO Ramp per EPD determination.
- b. **RFQ Bond Counsel:** Mr. Alexander briefed the Authority of the results of the Committee review of the respondents to the RFQ for Bond Counsel services. The Committee recommends Gray, Panell & Woodward. A discussion occurred throughout the Authority regarding the candidates. After the discussion Mr. Alexander motioned to accept the Committee recommendation of Gray, Panell & Woodward, Mr. Brett Lavender seconded, the motion was approved (9-0).

V. New Business:

- a. **Presentation – Imagine Air.** Mr. Ben Hamilton of Imagine Air gave a short presentation regarding their On-Demand-Charter service.
- b. **Consider Acceptance and approval of MOA with FAA / City / County / Authority:** Cmr. Morrow briefed the Authority regarding the MOA the FAA presented to Griffin, Spalding County and the Airport Authority, establishing the provisions for a partnership dedicated to building a replacement airport. A discussion ensued regarding concern of certain items listed in the MOA with emphasis on item 10. Item 10 states that in the event the FAA discontinues support the City, County & Authority are obligated to reimburse the FAA for monies dedicated and spent on the project. Cmr. Morrow stated that he asked the FAA that very question. FAA responded that (1). They have never withdrawn support for an AIP project. (2). This provision was developed to protect the FAA because in the past, a few communities changed leadership and consequently changed their minds on their airport project, thus having a non-completed project and wasted FAA resources. This provision ensures that should the leadership of Griffin and Spalding County decide not to build a new airport all money to date that the City & County has spent is forfeit and all money that the FAA has invested into the project must be reimbursed. Mr. Larry Johnson motioned to approve the MOA, Mr. Carl Pruettt seconded and the motion was approved (9-0).

- c. **Consider, LPA / Michael Baker Group – Work Authorization 18:** Mr. Mike Reiter of the Michael-Baker Consulting Group, detailed to the Authority the tasks listed regarding Airport Land Release Services to be completed in Work Authorization 18. This WA provides for completing the listed requirements dictated by FAA to release identified non-essential aviation parcels (specifically the Walking Park, the Sheriff's Dept.'s Hanger complex, and the Kiwanis Fair Grounds), in order to sell the specified properties. Mr. Brett Lavender motioned to approve the Work Authorization, Cmr. Raymond Ray seconded and the motion was approved (9-0).

- d. **Civil Air Patrol:** Mr. Ron Alexander and AD briefed the Authority on the reasons & conditions of the Civil Air Patrol's move from 6A2 to Peach State Airfield. AD stated that this was a move that benefitted CAP, that they were not forced off 6A2 as rumors indicated. Mr. Alexander had the ability to provide a building, at their request, as their current building at 6A2 was in bad disrepair and they had not enough funds to repair it. Mr. Alexander stated that Peach State has a large youth program and he was requested to help with their needs. Mr. Lavender stated that he inspected their current location and determined that they had outgrown the facility and did not have the resources to store their equipment nor repair their facility. AD stated that the reason he brought the issue before the board was in response to negative comments made on social media accusing 6A2 of running off the CAP. AD also stated in his discussions with CAP in advance of their move, he indicated that it was his intention for CAP to be considered in the design of the new terminal building in hopes of providing adequate meeting space and storage so they could return upon completion of the new airfield.

VII. Report of Committees:

- a. **Budget & Finance** – AD stated that the City informed the departments that the budget process will begin in mid November and he will initiate putting together a new budget book.
- b. **Legal & Insurance** – No report at this time.
- c. **Personnel.** – No report at this time
- d. **Property & Assets** – Mr. Louis Thacker presented a recap of the property - grounds, vehicles and equipment and that will need to be deeded to the Authority. Cmr. Morrow asked Mr. Thacker to work with the Authority Legal Counsel on ensuring this list is included in the transfer of assets from City & County to the Authority.
- e. **Marketing** – Cmr. Morrow briefed the Authority on his discussions with a Real Estate Company, Cushman & Wakefield (the company that handled the sale of the NACOM Building) in researching possible buyers for the current Airfield once we have moved.

VIII. Airport Director's Report: AD provided standard monthly data reports regarding airfield expenditures, revenues and trends for the month of September 2014. (see attached).

IX. Authority Board Member Comments:

Mr. Ron Alexander requested that we initiate discussions in order to develop alternatives to present to the current tenants as they have many questions regarding their leasehold & futures. Mr. Alexander also inquired whether or not we will retain our current FAA Airfield identifier? Mr. Reiter stated that we will request the identifier from FAA. AD stated that he would like to keep 6A2 in order to keep from having to change all publications & charts. AD stated that this leads us into a discussion in what we may call the new airfield and requested that they start to compile their ideas and maybe assigning a committee to research the topic.

Mr. Pruett stated that he and the AD are working on developing a marketing brochure to send to prospective businesses that may wish to locate on the new airfield.

Cmr. Bart Miller requested a more accurate map of the new airfield. AD & Mike Reiter explained that the current map is a template of where our plan will be initiated. Once we get into actual land surveys the map will be refined & updated. Cmr Miller asked where on the current map is the approximate 300 acres to be acquired? Mike Reiter responded that the 300 acres is identified on the current planning map as everything inside the red line. The red line identifies the construction limits. Cmr. Miller asked what will be done with the gas lines? Mr. Reiter explained that they are included in the engineering plans and have moved the runway slightly north to account for them. Cmr. Miller asked why the Authority agendas and minutes on the airport website only go up to April? AD stated that he will get with I.T. and get the rest of them added. Cmr. Miller inquired as to what would happen to the radio antennae's in the proposed construct site? Mr. Reiter responded that they are included in the engineering estimate if it is determined they need to be moved.

X. Next Airport Authority Board Meeting : 10 November, 2014 6PM
Location : One Griffin Center

XI. Adjournment: At 7:36 PM, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, **Cmr. Raymond Ray** motioned to adjourn & **Mr. Carl Pruett** seconded, the motion was unanimously passed, (9-0).

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanne Todd
Secretary,
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority

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