



Minutes of GS-Airport Authority
Regular Meeting
13 March, 2023
5:00PM

Attendees:

Dr. Randall Peters (Chairman)
Mr. Dennis Noll

Mr. Steve Wages (V.Chair)
Mayor Doug Hollberg

Cmr. Truman Tinsley (Sec.)
*Cmr. James Dutton

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Karl Broder (Beck, Owen & Murray)
Mr. Greg Teague (CEO Croy Engineering)
Mr. Robert Mohl (Airport Director)

- I. **Call to Order:** At 5:00 PM, with a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order.
- II. **Adopt the Minutes:** **Cmr. Truman Tinsley** motioned to approve the minutes of the GSAA regular meeting held on 13 February, 2023. **Mr. Dennis Noll** seconded. The motion was approved (5-0). *Cmr Dutton had yet to arrive.
- III. **Audience Comments:** Ms. Nancy Moore of 131 Kennedy Rd. Griffin, GA., updated the Authority on the status of her and her group's (Kennedy Road Residents) letter of objection to the proposed re-routing of Georgia Power & Georgia Transmission Utility Lines.
- IV. **Report of Committees:** The Chairman, Dr. Randall Peters, briefed the Board on the results of the bid opening and recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee. Dr. Peters provided the rankings and scores of the four firms that submitted bids (see attached). As per the FAA regulation & grant assurances, the Selection Committee's recommends to enter into negotiations with the firm that scored the highest, (Croy Engineering) and request a proposal, for Croy Engineering to provide both Professional, Engineering and Construction Services, for the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority. **Mr. Noll** motioned to approve. **Cmr. Tinsley** seconded. The motion was approved (6-0).
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. **NGSA, Update:**
 1. **Project Update:** Mr. Greg Teague (of Croy Engineering) briefed the Authority as to the status of the NGSA project here-to-date.
 2. **Project Monthly Expenditures:** AD reported on the work progress for the month ending 28 February 2023. He presented a summary of expenditures (see attached) requesting approval for payment. **Mr. Steve Wages** motioned to approve the expenditures a presented. **Cmr. Tinsley** seconded the motion. The expenditures were approved for payment (6-0).
 - b. **Airport Director, Current Airport Issues, 6A2 – Robert Mohl:**
 1. **Runway Crack Seal & Remarking Project:** AD stated that Croy reported completion of the ground survey work and will be presenting a plan of action in the coming weeks.
 2. **6A2 ALP Exhibit-A Update, Task Order 20:** AD reported that he is working with Croy personnel and is awaiting a draft exhibit a for review.
 3. **6A2 Monthly Statistical Report:** AD provided statistical information regarding 6A2 operations for month ending 28 Feb 2023 (see attached).

- c. **GSAA Legal Counsel, Joint IGA’s & Operating Agreements Update – Ms. Stephanie Windham:**
 - 1. **Personnel Lease 6A2 Renewal:** Ms. Windham was not present due to a family emergency. Mr. Karl Broder reported that Ms. Windham will return in a few days.
 - 2. **IGA Services Agreement COG-GSAA:** Ms. Windham was not present due to a family emergency. Mr. Karl Broder reported that Ms. Windham will return in a few days.
 - 3. **IGA Joint Funding for Aviation Services:** Ms. Windham was not present due to a family emergency. Mr. Karl Broder reported that Ms. Windham will return in a few days.
- d. **Washington DC Visitation Update:** re-briefed the board of the activities surrounding the need for and the actions taken regarding his and Mr. Teague’s trip to Washington DC., in their efforts to gain support and congressionally directed funding for the new GS Airport.
- e. **Lobbyist Proposal Update:** Chairman Peters briefed the board. In light of the lessons learned from the Chairman & Mr. Teague’s trip to Washington DC., it was decided that to move forward with hiring a lobbyist, paying \$7,000. per month, may be slightly premature at this time. The ground work provided by GSAA Staff & Croy Engineering appear to be obtaining the information and are reaching the representatives as intended. The Board discussed and agreed to wait and evaluate the results of these “in-house” efforts before making any decision on the need for outside assistance.

VI. New Business:

- a. **Travel Authorization:** AD presented cost estimation (see attached travel request) and authorization for both he and the Chair to attend the Association of Georgia General Aviation Airports (AGGAA) annual conference to be held on the 21st through the 24th of May. The AGGAA is an industry association for general aviation airports and its corporate affiliates, established in 2021 to promote general aviation airports in the State of Georgia, promoting progressive legislation, information sharing, and education. **Mr. Wages** motioned to approve the travel as requested. **Cmr. Tinsley seconded.** The travel was approved (6-0).
- b. **6A2 - Tenant Safety Violations & Court Appearance:** AD presented a safety issue that had arisen at 6A2. On the 11th of January, 2023 the owner / operator of the DC-3 aircraft, N143D, Mr. Dan Gryder, upon tugging his aircraft between hangars and without properly checking the clearances, struck a parked ground vehicle (pick-up truck) that was parked within the leasehold of Atlanta Aeronautics (see video). His actions violated 3 of the airport’s Rules & Regulations as codified in the City’s code of Ordinances (Chapter 18, see attached). Upon review of FAA airport design guidance and further discussion by GSAA Executive Staff, it was determined that the DC-3 can not safely operate in the location the owner wants to park it in. Therefore, on the 13th of January, a letter was mailed & emailed to Mr. Gryder (see attached tracking notifications) instructing him to move his DC-3 to the safer, authorized tie-down location. An appropriate amount of time was allowed for Mr. Gryder to make the move. To date, he has ignored the instruction. It was then decided that Mr. Gryder would be cited for his continued non-compliance. On the 17th of February, COG Code Enforcement and COG Law Enforcement were dispatched to hand deliver to Mr. Gryder the notice of his infractions. Mr. Gryder and GSAA Staff are set to appear in court on the 16th of March, 2023.

VII. Authority Board Member Comments: Mayor Doug Hollberg stated that the City of Griffin will be selecting a replacement for Mr. Blake Locke, who resigned from the Airport Authority, at their next City Commission meeting, to be held on Tuesday the 14th of March.

VIII. Next Airport Authority Board Meeting: **13 March, 2023**
5PM
One Griffin Center

IX. Adjournment: At **5:49 PM**, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. **Mayor Hollberg** motioned to adjourn. **Mr. Wages** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted:

Cmr. Truman Tinsley
Secretary / Treasurer,
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority

Cc:
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority
Ms. Jessica O'Conner, City Manager
Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Manager
Croy Engineering