

**Minutes of
GS-Airport Authority
Regular Meeting
08 May, 2023
5:00PM**

Attendees:

Dr. Randall Peters (Chairman)
Cmr. James Dutton
Mr. Tim Brown

Mr. Steve Wages (V. Chair)
Mr. Joe Reheiser

Mayor Doug Hollberg
Cmr. Ryan Bowlden

Also in Attendance:

Ms. Stephanie Windham (Beck, Owen & Murray)
Mr. Greg Teague (CEO Croy Engineering)
Ms. Jessica O'Connor (City Manager)
Dr. Steve Ledbetter (County Manager)
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. Acknowledge Retiring Authority Member:** The Chair recognized Mr. Louis Thacker for his 4+ decades of service to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport, the Airport Advisory Board and as an original member of the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority.
- III. Adopt the Minutes:** **Mr. Steve Wages** motioned to approve the minutes of the GSAA regular meeting held on 10th of April, 2023 at 5pm. **Mr. Joe Reheiser** seconded. The motion was approved (6-0).
- IV. Audience Comments:** None
- V. Report of Committees:** None
- VI. Old Business:**
 - a. NGSAs, Update:**
 - 1. Project Update:** Mr. Greg Teague (of Croy Engineering) briefed the Authority as to the status of the NGSAs project here-to-date. The Chair updated the board in regards to a meeting he and Mr. Teague attended last week in Atlanta, at the FAA. The FAA wanted to make sure that their expenditure of \$40M of FAA funds would result in an actual airport (construction of) and that the Authority had a good handle in obtaining the other necessary funding. Unfortunately, we were notified by Senator Ossoff's office that our request for CDS will not be moved forward from them, however Representative Fergusson stated he will push it forward on the House side.

Additionally, the Chair recapped the discussions regarding a meeting he & the AD had with Ms. Andrea Wiggins (a representative from Senator Warnock's office). She indicated that she and the Senator's office will partner with us to find alternative sources of funding.

And lastly, the meeting that was to be held, this past week with the Lieutenant Governor will be rescheduled.
 - 2. 3 Year Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE):** Mr. Teague indicated that the update is near completion and will soon be presented to the Authority.
 - 3. Project Monthly Expenditures:** AD reported on the work progress for the month ending 30 April 2023. He presented a summary of expenditures (see attached) requesting approval for payment. **Mayor Doug Hollberg** motioned to approve the expenditures as presented. **Mr. Wages** seconded the motion. The expenditures were approved for payment (7-0).

b. Airport Director, Current Airport Issues, 6A2 – Robert Mohl:

- 1. Runway Crack Seal & Remarketing Project:** AD stated we have received the first four reimbursements from GDOT. We have just submitted reimbursement request number five and that he & Croy met with Mr. Lew Walker of the GDOT to review the project funding amounts and where best to allocate those resources. Mr. Walker informed us that upon receipt of the “Tentative Allocation” letter from GDOT we can then proceed with planning & scheduling the actual construction.
- 2. 6A2 ALP Exhibit-A Update, Task Order 20:** AD reported that he received a 2nd draft of the new property map. AD stated that he marked it with some minor corrections and returned it to Croy for final updating.
- 3. 6A2 Proposed Budget Update:** AD briefed the Authority on to the status of 6A2’s Proposed FY24 Budget as it works its way through the City’s oversight & development process.
- 4. 6A2 Monthly Statistical Report:** AD provided statistical information regarding 6A2 operations for month ending 30 April 2023 (see attached).

c. GSAA Legal Counsel – Ms. Stephanie Windham:

- 1. AIP-34 FAA / GDOT Contract Time Extension: Mr. Reheiser** motioned to approve the contract time extension as requested by GDOT. **Mr. Wages** seconded. The motion was approved (7-0).
- 2. Lease Assignment 143 SHW:** Ms. Windham briefed the Authority on a lease transfer assignment request of hangar lease for 143 Sky Harbor Way being sold from Mr. Tracy Wallace to Mr. Joseph Pilkenton. Mr. Pilkenton indicates that he will be storing an aircraft in the hangar. Staff recommends approval. **Mayor. Hollberg** motioned to approve as presented. **Mr. Tim Brown** seconded. The motion was approved (7-0).

d. GS Authority New Logo Review: AD presented a new Airport Authority logo design. The initial design presented last month sparked a discussion regarding incorporating the City & County branding into the new Authority logo. All attending Authority Members agreed on the logo with the City / County lettering.

e. Tenant Safety Issue & Court Appearance: AD briefed the Authority, a “Spring Cleaning Letter” was distributed to all airport tenants. The letter is the result of issues that have arisen due to incidents leading up to citations being issued to an airfield tenant. AD briefly recapped the incidents and reported, that during the 16th of March court appearance regarding those citations, a continuance was granted to the tenant. AD reported that the next court date will be the 18th of May at 1:30PM.

VII. New Business:

- a. Millennium Professional Liability Insurance:** AD presented the proposal by Millennium Insurance (see attached), for the renewal of its annual Professional Liability Insurance Policy covering all Authority Members their agents, officers & employees, in the amount of \$1,945.00. AD stated that this is a regular budgeted item. **Mr. Wages** motioned to approve as presented. **Mr. Brown** seconded. The motion was approved (7-0).
- b. UGA “Closing the Gap” Report:** The Authority Chairman summarized the presentation he attended at the University of Georgia – Griffin Campus (see attached). The issue being discussed were concepts of the various ways the local community, government, businesses and private organizations may be able to provide supplemental funding necessary to successfully complete the NGSa project.
- c. “Airways Act” Sen. Warnock Bill:** AD briefed the Authority on more of the conversation with Ms. Wiggins & Senator Warnock’s proposed bill “Advancing Inclusion and Representation in the Workforce of Aviation and Transportation Systems Act” commonly referred to as the “Airways Act” (see attached). Ms. Wiggins informed us that the bill will specifically seek to provide grants for eligible projects to support the education and recruitment of new pilots, aircraft maintenance technicians and aircraft manufacturing workers. It also seeks to give priority to applicants that propose to use grant funds to encourage the participation of populations that are under-represented in the aviation industry, including women, minorities, and individuals in economically disadvantaged geographic areas and rural communities. Sen. Warnock is asking for GAA’s support of this legislation. The GAA is polling all Georgia Airports Association member airports for written support. AD stated that in addition to the work efforts and progress within the City’s EDIT committee, he also shared this request with Dr. Ergle of the GRCCA. This falls directly in-line with their both their efforts for providing education opportunities for local students in the Aviation Sciences. **Mr. Wages** motioned to approve the drafting of a letter in support of the “Airways Act” as presented. **Cmr. Dutton** seconded. The motion was approved (7-0).

VIII. Authority Board Member Comments: A discussion ensued regarding the proposed federal re-authorization bill being considered by congress. The funding provided by a long-term dedicated budgeted allocation for the FAA, would allow the FAA the ability and flexibility to make grant allocations that support funding of national aviation projects, more reliable. It would provide longer timelines for planning and budgeting, as opposed to the limitations imposed within the restricted framework resulting from the confines of the current process of on-going continuing resolutions. It was suggested that a letter from the Authority be drafted in support of the re-authorization bill. **Mr. Reheiser** motioned to approve the drafting of a letter in support as presented. **Cmr. Dutton** seconded. The motion was approved (7-0).

IX. Next Airport Authority Board Meeting: **12 June, 2023**
5PM
One Griffin Center

X. Adjournment: At **5:43 PM**, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Wages** motioned to adjourn. **Cmr. Dutton** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, (7-0).

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