

EASTERN WV REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2009 – WEDNESDAY

Members Present: Rick Wachtel, Col. Jim Reuss, Hunter Wilson, Steve Cox and Rodney Woods

Member absent: Bob Burkhart

Also Present: Bill Walkup, Mike Keller, Joyce McDonald, Tom McKenzie, Walt Mitchell, Jeff and Myrna Grove, Betty Howard, Calvin Kief, Andre' Frye, Dan Dulyea, Sarah Via, Bob Sagers, Mike Folk, Ron and JoAnn Porterfield, Rich Talbott, Creighton Propps, George Smith, Rob Garrett, Russ Voelker, Jennie Vincent, and many other unidentified people.

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

The members were sent the October meeting minutes prior to this meeting for their review.

Steve Cox stated that he saw one correction to the minutes which was on page 1 under 2nd Item on the Agenda in the first paragraph, he stated that one sentence was written two times. He asked to strike the one sentence. Steve then made a motion to accept with the one correction the Airport Authority meeting minutes for October 14, 2009. Rodney Woods seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Joyce McDonald gave the current bank balance in the general account which is \$ 62,744.55.

1st Item on the Agenda: Petitions from Citizens

Mike Folk signed the petitions sheet and made comments and had questions about the Minimum Operating Standards drafted document.

2nd Item on the Agenda: Jeff Grove Lease Renewal

Jeff Grove asked to discuss this item in executive session. The Airport Authority agreed to his request.

3rd Item on the Agenda: A.I.P. Project Updates

Walt Mitchell resident inspector for Chapman Technical Group reported on the Taxiway E project stating that the paving in this project is complete. Markings on the Taxiway will take place in early December. He also reported that the Apron/Ramp is complete and painting will be done in early December also. He also reported that FAA did a survey on the rails (which are the flashing lights on the light lanes). This is the MALSR Light lane which is located on the other side of Paynes Ford Road. The rails are being obstructed by grown trees. There are 3 big trees and 15 to 20 small trees that are obstructing the light lanes. The cost for removal is unknown. Walt and Bill have talked with the land owner and they have agreed to let the Airport Authority remove these trees. Some type of an easement agreement will need to be drafted before any work is done.

Kirk Blankenship from FAA in Beckley would like the Airport Authority to start advertising for a Noise Mitigation Study which the FAA will fund at 95%.

3rd Item on the Agenda: continued

Col. Jim Reuss made a motion to authorize the Airport Manager to advertise for a consultant to prepare a Noise Mitigation Study. Steve Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

4th Item on the Agenda: 1st Fiscal Year Quarter Budget Report

The 1st Fiscal Year Quarter Budget Report period covers the months of July, August and September 2009. The beginning balance carried over from last fiscal year's budget was \$ 69,812.57. The total income for this quarter was \$ 78,124.49 and the total expenses this quarter were \$ 89,479.63. This leaves a balance at the end of the quarter (September 30, 2009) of \$ 58,457.43.

Steve Cox made a motion to approve as prepared the 1st Fiscal Year Quarter Budget Report to be subject to an audit and to send to the City and County governments. Rodney Woods seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Air National Guard is doing the Air Show for 2010. They are planning a trip to Rhode Island and Nick Diehl has been invited to go for the United Way. This trip is to determine how to orchestrate the food services and vendors. Rick stated that the Airport Authority will pay for Nick's way for one night of lodging and airfare and the United Way will reimburse the Airport Authority after the trip is over. No motion was required.

Rick stated that the WV State Aeronautics Commission gave grants to all non air carrier airports in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 for airport projects.

Rick stated that he sent a letter to Mr. Gainer of the State Auditor's Office requesting that Airport Authorities be included in the waiver of publishing financial reports annually. This waiver would include that the Airport Authorities make available the annual financial reports in hard copy or through the web site. This would save the Authorities money in publishing costs.

There will be a public meeting on December 1, 2009 for comments and/or reasonable changes to the Rules and Regulations and Minimum Operating Standards for the Airport. This meeting will be held at 6:00 in the Pilots Lounge.

Joyce McDonald reported that Tom McKenzie checked with local companies pertaining to installing a Public Address system in the conference room. Two companies came to look at the room and will get us estimates on the cost for the PA system and recording equipment.

Rick mentioned that Mr. Burkhart is still recovering slowly from his recent surgery.

OTHER BUSINESS continued

Mike Keller gave an update on the DOT vs. Garland Martin lawsuit. Garland Martins council entered a motion opposing the Airport Authority's intervention in this lawsuit. The Airport Authority is waiting word as to whether the courts will object to this motion. Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love will reply within 30 days after the court decision.

Rick stated that in The Journal it was reported that Ralph Lauren will close its doors at the end of next year. They are consolidating its operations to North Carolina. Ralph Lauren has a 30 year lease with the EWVRAA. The Development Authority worked very hard with Ralph Lauren to change these plans but wasn't very successful.

Rodney Woods made a motion to go into executive session with Hunter Wilson giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Executive Session for real estate matters.

Steve Cox made a motion to come out of executive session with Hunter Wilson giving a second. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Rick stated that no decisions were made in executive session.

He mentioned that there might be a Special Meeting on the Inland Port matter but no date is set.

He also mentioned that the next Airport Authority meeting will be on Wednesday December 2, 2009.

Col. Reuss made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Cox seconded the motion. At 9:30 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.