

NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in the Lake Vista Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member, the news media, and a copy of the call was posted.

Chairman Saizan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called which did not constitute a quorum so the meeting became informational only.

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Darrel Saizan  
Commissioner William Hoffman

**FURTHERMORE PRESENT:**

Chairman Robert E. Smith Lupo  
Commissioner Stanley Brien

**ABSENT:**

Commissioner Wilma Heaton  
Commissioner Romona Theresa Baudy

**STAFF:**

Louis Capo, Executive Director  
Vincent Caire, Non-Flood  
Sharon Martiny, Non-Flood  
Nina Marchand, Non-Flood  
Dawn Wagener, Non-Flood  
Fred Pruitt – Airport

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Lionel Collins  
Albert Pappalardo  
Steve Nelson  
Alton Ochsner Davis  
Charles Curtis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Due to lack of a quorum, the Agenda was not adopted as this was an informational meeting only.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Due to lack of a quorum, the minutes of the February 1, 2011 and March 1, 2011 meetings were not adopted. Minutes of the February 1, 2011 and March 1, 2011 Airport Committee meetings will be presented at the April 5, 2011 meeting for approval.

## **REPORT ON CURRENT AIRPORT ISSUES**

Fred Pruitt, acting Director at the Airport, stated that the Zurich Golf Classic is coming up along with a Direct TV blimp for media coverage. The State Farm Zeppelin will also be coming for a 3 week stay at the Airport and during that time they will be doing public flights. Night closures of the runways have been seized as all work is done.

Mr. Capo noted for the record in late February and early March the Authority issued an RFQ under the AIP program for the FAA for the Airport runway and taxiway resurfacing, construction of a new airfield light regulator building and Airport wildlife hazard mitigation. RFQs were received and we are in the process of putting together a selection committee to review the RFQs to submit a short list to the committee for selection of the top 3 RFQs to make a recommendation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Discussion of Airport Projects and Funding Options**

Steve Nelson of Stuart Consulting discussed utilizing alternate funding from several projects to cover funding gaps at the Airport terminal and the Bastian Mitchell Hangar. Mr. Nelson advised that the Authority is in a position to receive \$2.4 million in insurance funding from the Hartford on wind insurance. This will give options regarding how to fund the two largest projects: the Bastian Mitchell Hangar and the Airport terminal interior. The budget for the Airport exterior is \$10 million and the budget for the Airport interior is \$8.5 million. The Airport exterior is complete. Funding is needed for the Airport interior. There is presently a project worksheet obligation for \$3 million with an additional half million in progress. There is \$900,000 to be dedicated from the FAA Building and \$1.9 million remaining from the Naval Reserve Complex interior. The funding of \$3.5 million on the Airport terminal interior project worksheet, \$900,000 from the FAA Building and \$1.9 million from the Naval Reserve Complex gives \$6.3 million in FEMA funding to use for the Airport terminal. If the \$2.4 million from the wind insurance were applied, the total would be \$8.4 million, which would allow the Airport terminal interior to be bid immediately.

For the Bastian Mitchell Hangar there is \$10.5 million obligated by FEMA and \$2.1 million in the bank with some reserve. That project can be bid immediately and construction can be started when the bids come in. The Authority is in the position to start these two projects immediately.

There are three alternate projects that were discussed: the Chevron offices, the Aviaport Hangar and the South Shore Harbor Master Building. It was proposed to bundle that funding together, have FEMA re-evaluate their estimates and apply that to the Airport terminal interior. FEMA has reviewed the additional estimates and increased their previous allocations by approximately \$2 million. We can now further investigate the alternate estimates on two of these projects and build one of the others if the Committee chose to do so. Mr. Nelson proposed to issue an RFQ for an Architect or Engineer to prepare a set of plans and collect quotes and contractors to get actual bid results. If we were to pursue the two alternates, we could acquire funding to cover gaps on the James and Walter Wedell Hangars. There will be insurance shortfalls on those two projects. If this option was selected and funding was utilized to build the terminal and Bastian Mitchell immediately it would delay the Wedell Hangars possibly past the Superbowl window but would allow construction of another building and would maximize the funding on the alternate projects.

Chairman Saizan questioned if it would give us the terminal this time next year.

Mr. Nelson stated that the terminal would be ready potentially sometime next year if we were to go to bid immediately.

Mr. Davis informed if we get to bid by the end of April on the terminal building we could make March Madness. It would take 30-60 days to bid and get a contract and there is an 8 month schedule in the bid documents; some contractors are saying 10 months. Mr. Nelson informed that we have to confirm the \$1.9 million is there and dedicated to the Airport from the Naval Reserve. Although we have been informed of the insurance funds there is no check in hand which could take 4-6 weeks. Commissioner Hoffman requested that we talk to the Attorney General to let them know exactly what we are doing and how we are doing it to make sure the Attorney General does not delay the process. Mr. Curtis will advise the Attorney General of the upcoming procedures regarding the Airport terminal.

Mr. Nelson briefed the Committee on the projects and locations on the Airport. The terminal building's budget is \$10 million for the exterior and \$8.5 million for the interior. The Airport is approximately 500 acres with \$70 million in projects that have been budgeted. The James and Walter Wedell Hangars are budgeted at \$7 and \$7.5 million respectively. The Bastian Mitchell Hangar is a combination of the Bastian and Mitchell Hangars which will now be one large Hangar. The Aviaport Hangar was previously planned to use as an alternate, which may or may not be the case. Mr. Pruitt advised that the Aviaport was in the Optical 3 area of the runway and grandfathered in so nothing can go back into that spot.

The two historic hangars adjacent to the terminal have been renovated. The MillionAir Hangar was a combination of two hangars paid for by insurance. The Delagdo Hangar initially had a FEMA project worksheet obligation of approximately \$400,000. The build out was done by the tenant which is temporary. A version request has been submitted to FEMA. Neither the FAA Building nor the National Guard Building will be rebuilt; those will be alternates. The Aviaport, South Shore Harbor Master Building and the Chevron Building are the three alternates which would have been used to cover the funding of the Terminal. There is some flexibility to rebuild one of those and make sure we are getting the proper reimbursement for the other two.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1) American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida (Flood Insurance for National Guard Hangar)**

Mr. Capo presented the flood insurance renewal for the National Guard Hangar which expires on April 24, 2011. Mr. Capo will approach Eagan Insurance to see if this can be aligned with the fiscal year so the insurance can be in sync as they were prior to the storm. The premium is \$9,545 for \$500,000 in coverage and a \$5,000 deductible. This will be presented to the full Board at the next meeting.

### **2) Discussion on URS public meeting for Lakefront Airport Master Plan**

Mr. Capo advised that URS attended the previous Airport Committee meeting and gave an update on the Airport Master Plan. Andy Velayos with the FAA has asked where the Authority stands in holding a town meeting regarding the Airport Master Plan. Chairman Saizan requested that the Authority select an April date and advertise the meeting in order for the public to attend.

### **3) Discussion on Stormwater Permit**

The Stormwater Permit was due to expire on March 31, 2011. A 30 day extension was granted. There is one proposal from the firm that has done the permitting process over the last several years. This quote will be presented to the full Board for approval at its next meeting so we can have this completed by the May 1, 2011 deadline. This company can do the permit expeditiously

because they have all of the data previously used in prior reports. This report is independent of the Flood side as it has to do with airport stormwater runoff.

Mr. Capo advised that Mr. Fred Pruitt is the acting Director of the Airport and the only staff person at the Airport at this time. Management has identified that there is a need for additional staff at the Airport and is exploring the option of hiring staff for the Airport.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.