

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY OCTOBER 7, 2014 – 9:30 A.M.**

The regular meeting of the Airport Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Thursday, October 7, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., in the Lake Vista Community Center, 2nd 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 Heaton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENT:

Chairman Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Michael Stack

FURTHERMORE PRESENT:

Commissioner Leila Eames

ABSENT:

Commissioner Romona Baudy
Commissioner Pearl Cantrelle

STAFF:

Louis Capo - Executive Director
Sharon Martiny – Non-Flood
Dave Smith – Lakefront Airport
Dawn Wagener – Non-Flood

ALSO PRESENT:

Gerard Metzger – Legal Counsel
Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant
Chris Fenner – Stuart Consulting Group
Alton Davis – Richard C. Lambert
Brent Roussell – Hawthorne
Brayton Matthews – Flightline First
Addie Fanguy – Landmark Aviation
Dale Campo – FAA
Myron Mitchell – Brent Mitchell Foundation

OPENING COMMENTS

The Authority has been aggressively pursuing long-term funding for capital, and has met twice with Customs who are willing to meet the Authority half way. There will be projections at the next Board meeting why this investment is important to the Authority and to Lakefront Airport. The next Board meeting will be held at the Lakefront Airport.

ADOPT AGENDA

Due to a lack of quorum, the Agenda was not adopted.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes of the July 24 and August 5, 2014 Airport Committee meeting were deferred until October.

REPORT ON CURRENT AIRPORT ISSUES

Dave Smith, Airport Operations Manger, reported that repairs will be underway on the Landmark ramp beginning October 15, 2014. Landmark will be given the west half of the terminal ramp during the two week duration of the repairs performed by the contractor, Commander Corporation. Fuel sales and revenues rose 2.5% from August and are expected to rise due to the busy convention season ahead.

Approval was given by the FAA for filming of the movie Trombone at the Terminal ramp and the Four Winds Fountain on October 17, 2014. The WWII Museum and Commemorative Air Force Air Power Show will take place October 22 – 26, 2014. The TBM Owners and Operators Convention will take place on October 28th, and will bring in approximately 109 aircraft. The Airport received a grant of approximately \$800,000 for the taxiway project, which is an FAA/DOTD State-funded project to crack seal and seal coat all taxiways on the east side of the airfield. The Authority will handle all contracts and DOTD and FAA will reimburse the Authority for costs. URS, the engineer/designer, will be responsible for quality assurance and quality control as part of the Master Service Agreement.

Chairman Heaton welcomed Councilman James Gray's new appointment, Leila Eames, to the Non-Flood Authority Board.

PRESENTATIONS

Myron L. Mitchell – Brent L. Mitchell Foundation Introducing youth to careers in aviation

Mr. Mitchell is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education advocate and program director of the Brent L. Mitchell Foundation and former lead electrical test engineer for Lockheed Martin.

This is a STEM Aviation and Aerospace program which is a collaborative STEM education initiative. The mission is to expose students to STEM careers to operate an airport and to illustrate how Science, Technology, Engineering and Math play a role in the world. The program will allow students to enter the facility and observe airport technology along with the principals of flight through physical flight propulsion systems and navigation controls. Aviation professionals will speak to the children about experiences during their aviation careers.

Commissioner Heaton requested Mr. Metzger draft a Board Resolution of Support for Brent L. Mitchell Foundation that will be part of the official record and requested Mr. Mitchell attend the Board meeting on October 23, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion regarding Hawthorne's request to place a marquis sign in front of Building 101

Brent Russell, Hawthorne Aviation, requested a marquis sign be placed in front of Building 101 on Stars and Stripes Boulevard on the island in front of the building. The sign will be perpendicular to the building and visible from both sides. The sign will cost approximately \$24,000. Landscaping will be placed around the sign. Commissioner Stack requested a visual map indicating where the sign would be placed to address sight distances.

2) Discussion regarding the Airport Terminal marquis sign

Alton Davis, Richard C. Lambert, stated that Pro Signs and Graphics provided the initial quote received for the marquis sign, which quote was the lowest. RCL reached out to two DBEs whose quotes were substantially higher. Mr. Davis recommended Pro Signs and Graphics because they supplied the original signs and gave the best price. Chairman Heaton requested this informational item be placed on the Finance Committee Agenda.

3) Discussion regarding the Walter Weddell Hangar Alternate Projects

Commissioner Stack suggested a project to set aside a fixed amount of money for Airport-type projects and interim flood protection to Lakefront Airport for the major buildings such as Hesko baskets that can be erected when a storm approaches. The most cost efficient temporary flood protection is Hesko baskets which are 4x4 or 3x3 baskets filled with sand or aggregate, which have been very successful. FEMA would like to see flood protection on the list as the Authority is trying to protect what FEMA paid for. Alton Davis, RCL, advised to install backflow preventers if temporary flood protection is used. Water will come underneath the barriers and flood the Airport.

Chris Fenner, Stuart Consulting, advised that the number for the alternate projects is approximately \$4.2 million. Stuart Consulting requested an additional \$2 million that has not been approved yet. Without any additional deductions, interest, insurance or the 25% AP deduction, the number would be \$6.7 million. There are issues with closing out projects so the Authority would be left with approximately \$2 million (lower end) to \$3 million (upper end) which includes the approved \$2 million. This also factors in money the Authority will get back for operating expenses. There are NFIP penalties for not having full flood coverage on the Bastian and the Mitchell Hangars and FEMA charges a penalty for the deficit. The Authority loses money due to the 25% penalty for the alternate project and wind insurance deductions.

Many projects are needed, but none will make the money that getting Customs at Lakefront Airport will. Customs has worked to scale back their build-out due to the Authority's financial issue. The minimum is approximately \$400,000. Mr. Fenner advised of a PW for Terminal Interior Contents to allow flexibility replacing equipment as long as the equipment is in the same category as FEMA has categories for contents. Customs will bring the Authority additional fuel sales, be a huge boost for the FBOs and will grow the Airport.

Commissioner Stack advised that the build-out of Hangar 101 could be scaled back and moved up on the list. Chairman Heaton suggested looking at other facilities at the Airport that are move-in ready, would not require capital investment, and could be traded off by a rent reduction. The silt removal is another alternate project for South Shore Harbor. An application can be made on the silt removal as other areas received money for silt removal. The Authority must prove baseline data which could be done through scientific data or obtaining affidavits from tenants at South Shore Harbor at the time of the storm. The silt removal is item number 2, but could be pursued through another federal program as the cost is upward of \$5 million.

Chairman Heaton advised the Committee that Capital Outlay must be in Baton Rouge and filed through E KORTS by November 1, 2014 and requested a copy of what would be requested for capital outlay in order to get the paperwork started.

4) Motion to accept the LaDOTD Grant Offer for State Project No. H.011360, AIP No. 3-22-0038-027-2014 & 3-22-0038-0028-2014 at New Orleans Lakefront Airport in the amount of \$55,249.00

Chairman Heaton noted that due to a lack of quorum, the Grant offer could not be approved. This is the State portion of the two FAA grants that were approved at the Board meeting. A Resolution and it will be on the Board Agenda.

5) Update on U.S. Customs at Lakefront Airport Terminal Building

Chairman Heaton advised that she met with Customs to advise Customs that the Authority was serious about placing Customs at Lakefront Airport and requested that the Customs build out be the number one alternate project as Customs could bring in revenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baudy offered a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stack and unanimously adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.