

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2014 – 4:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Airport Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 4:30 p.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 Heaton called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Wilma Heaton  
Commissioner Michael Stack  
Commissioner Romona Baudy  
Commissioner Pearl Cantrelle

**STAFF:**

Cornelia Ullmann - Chief Operating Officer  
Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Gerard Metzger – Legal Counsel  
Al Pappalardo – Real Estate Consultant  
Steve Nelson – Stuart Consulting Group  
Brent Roussell – Hawthorne  
Mark Choina – Customs and Border Patrol  
Shawn Polly – Customs and Border Patrol

**OPENING COMMENTS**

Chairman Heaton welcomed Customs and Border Patrol and waived opening comments to allow Customs and Border Patrol representatives to speak. November has been a busy month. Thank you to all who have stepped up during these trying times.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Commissioner Cantrelle offered a motion to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Baudy and unanimously adopted.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Approval of the Airport Committee minutes were deferred.

**REPORT ON CURRENT AIRPORT ISSUES**

Fuel flowage sales are up by 18 percent each month in 2014 as opposed to 2013 figures. The Airport brought in an additional \$15,410 due to a movie shoot (\$6,200), two blimps (\$1,500 each) and overflow parking from Hawthorne (\$3,060) and Flightline (\$3,150). The motor for the Terminal Building fire system shorted out. A new motor was purchased at a cost \$2,300 from the factory and comes with a full warranty. The electrician advised that the wire caps may not have been fastened properly so the Authority may have recourse through Belou-Magner from monies being held on the Belou-Magner contract. When the motor shorted out, it shorted out the control board. A new control board costs \$2,000. Chairman Heaton requested Mrs. Ullmann provide a memo to the Legal Committee advising Belou-Magner of the issue as the Legal Committee has been sorting through all Belou-Magner issues.

The Air Power Show in October was a great success with approximately 10,500 attendees throughout the weekend. The WWII Museum had a positive experience and will be back next year in a bigger stance. The Air Power Show was a great marketing item bringing 10,500 people to Lakefront Airport. Messina's did well also as many people arrived to view the Terminal Building. Tables were placed in the Atrium due to the crowd in the Terminal Building.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1) Discussion of Customs and Border Patrol**

Shawn Polly, Area Port Director – Customs and Border Protection

Mark Choina, Assistant Port Director – Customs and Border Protection

Fifteen Board members voted unanimously that the Customs and Border Protection build-out was a number one priority. The President of the Flood Authority has no objection to loaning the Non-Flood Authority funds to perform the Customs build out. It is anticipated that the item will be placed on the Flood Authority Finance Committee and Board Agendas for final approval. The Agreement will allow the Non Flood Authority to do the Customs build-out until FEMA can reimburse the funds, which will enable the Customs build-out to progress sooner rather than later. SLFPA-E has a target date of December 198, 2014 to get this item passed.

Mr. Polly advised that Customs facility people have complete plans drawn and a commitment from headquarters to supply equipment for the Global Entry Enrollment Center. By putting a Global Entry Enrollment Center at Lakefront some customers can be siphoned from Louis Armstrong to Lakefront Airport. Customs is committed to assist the Non-Flood Authority and work with the Airport Committee to get the facility open. When the aircraft arrive, Customs will be there. The cost for the build out is \$400,000.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Heaton advised the Committee that there were two motions and suggested that the motions were minor amounts. We certainly don't have to vote on the motions. They are more informational and I can appreciate Mrs. Ullmann stepping up the way you did on such short notice. I appreciate that, but these are for informational only. If it is the pleasure of the Committee, we do not need to vote on these, these are just informational items.

### **1) Motion for approval of a contract in the amount of \$1,000 with Simplex Grinnell for annual testing and inspection of the terminal fire alarm panel**

Simplex Grinnell installed part of the fire alarm system and it is proprietary. The contract amount is \$1,000 for annual testing and inspection of the fire alarm panel.

Commissioner Stack offered a motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$1,000 with Simplex Grinnell for annual testing and inspection of the terminal fire alarm panel, seconded by Commissioner Baudy and unanimously adopted.

### **1) Motion for approval of a contract in the amount of \$775 with Acadian Fire Protection for the annual terminal fire pump and sprinkler system inspection**

The second component was bid to five different companies who responded. One company withdrew because the building was under a lawsuit. Acadian was the low bidder.

Commissioner Stack offered a motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$775 with Acadian Fire Protection for the annual terminal fire pump and sprinkler system inspection, seconded by Commissioner Baudy and unanimously adopted.

### **2) Motion for approval of a lease for the McDermott Hangar**

The McDermott Hangar is located by the tower, which is not a convenient location. Tidewater is leasing the Hangar on a month-to-month basis. The McDermott Hangar is in need of critical repairs to address liability issues. It is possible to move staff there as the area is not presently leasable, but that issue must be properly vetted by the Board.

Flightline submitted a proposal for the Hangar only. The McDermott Hangar office space is built out. This Hangar is on the highest point of the Airport. Staff

could be placed in the office space, but this issue would have to be properly vetted for the pros, cons and options with staff. Lease of the Hangar space should not be held up due to the issues with staff moving into the office space. It will be tough to get someone to rent all of the office space along with the Hangar itself. Flightline would assist the Authority in renovating the area if staff were placed in the office space. The Hangar area is the only piece Flightline wants. The Airport Committee could approve authorization for staff to negotiate with a short term lease with Flightline for the McDermott Hangar only, subject to the approval of the Legal Committee and the full Board. This would help Flightline as the FBO is currently in need of space and the lease would generate additional money for the Authority. The proposal was sent certified mail and e-mail and will be distributed to the full Board. This is a request to approve the proposal and authorize negotiations with Flightline to bring the lease before the Legal Committee and then the full Board for final approval.

Commissioner Baudy offered a motion for approval of a lease for the McDermott Hangar, seconded by Commissioner Cantrelle and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Heaton advised the Committee that Steve Nelson of Stuart Consulting and people from GOHSEP have been working to get money for flood protection at Lakefront Airport. A trip is planned to DC to approach the elected delegation and request funding in the amount of \$75 million for flood protection under Hazard Mitigation. Members from GOHSEP met at Lakefront Airport and agreed that the Terminal Building had to be protected. The Terminal Building had approximately \$75 million in total damages; with \$40 million in flood related damages just from FEMA. That figure does not include FAA, lost revenues or private funding. Mike Womack, head of the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRO), is behind the flood protection project. The prospective flood protection system has been used with the St. Paul Airport.

The FAA is hesitant to replace the PAPI lights until there is adequate flood protection. The flood protection is a long shot, but it is as close as Commissioner Heaton has gotten in two decades and we are ready to push the issue. Lakefront Airport is a phenomenal testament for this generation to enjoy. Adequate flood protection will ensure what is currently at Lakefront Airport will be there for the next generation. The flood protection project is 100% federal funding through the Hazard Mitigation Program. Flood protection will send the right message to the community that the Airport is open and ready to go forward.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.