

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2016 – 10:30 A.M.**

The regular meeting of the Airport Committee of the Non-Flood Asset Protection Management Authority was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 10:30 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.

Chair Heaton called the meeting to order at 10:46 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:**

Chair Wilma Heaton  
Comm. Dawn Hebert

**Furthermore Present:**

Comm. Stanley Brien

**Absent:**

Comm. Carla Major  
Comm. Anthony Richard

**Staff:**

Ben Morris – Airport Director  
Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant  
Chanse Watson – Assistant Airport Director

**Also Present:**

Lea Young – T Hangar Association  
Steve Nelson – Stuart Consulting Group  
Franklin J.P. Augustus – Drug Fighter  
Paul Klein – Strong Box

**Opening Comments**

The Committee will follow the Agenda as printed.

**Adopt Agenda**

The Agenda was not adopted due to lack of quorum, but the Agenda was followed as written.

**Approve Minutes**

The minutes of the August 9, 2016 and September 13, 2016 Airport Committee meetings were deferred until the October 2016 Airport Committee meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Report on Current Airport issues – Airport Director Ben Morris**

Ben Morris, Airport Director, advised that the Authority has received approximately \$2.1 million in grants with the assistance of current airport staff during the past 12 to 18 months. Those grants are a combination of FAA and State grants for infrastructure in the airfield including the PAPI lights. Projects include the 36L/18R dip project for the dip in the runway, which grant is \$237,000. The State grant to crack fill, sealcoat and refill the parallel runway will be under grant November 1, 2016. Two state grants were received to replace REIL runway identifier lights and change those lights to LED lighting and to assess, replace and install LED wind socks that give pilots a visual indicator as to the strength of wind.

Asst. Airport Director, Chanse Watson with the assistance of the Maintenance Director is currently working on leak issues in the Terminal Building, the Moffett Hangar, the Fire

House and the Fuel Farm and recently met with roof contractors to discuss same. A MMOPA Piper Malibu convention brought approximately 90 aircraft to Lakefront Airport and a Cessna convention in the near future will bring in 100-110 aircraft. Comm. Heaton requested Airport staff advise the Administrative Staff of future events so proper notification can be given to Board members.

Mr. Watson reported that the movie industry is back at Lakefront Airport (Shock and Awe) and will improve over the next year. The Location Agreement and final details are underway for the WWII Air Power Expo on November 3, 2016, The event will take place with a VIP party on November 3, 2016 and close on Sunday November 6, 2016.

### **Presentations**

None.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

#### **1) Discussion and approval for state grant – Crack Fill, Sealcoat and Repaint Project 36R/18L in the amount of \$293,684**

Chair Heaton advised that this request will be forwarded to the full Board. This is a state grant that must be underway by November 1, 2016. The State has allocated the amount for the grant, which must be written up.

#### **2) Discussion and approval of Capital Improvement Plan for 2017-2018**

The FY 2017-2018 CIP application consists of the following projects:

The crack fill, sealcoat and repaint runway 09/27 project is estimated to cost \$175,000. The project to repair dips in runway 36L/18R is estimated at \$1,500,000. The State will divide this project with design and construction lasting one year followed by construction. The drainage repairs are minor per drainage study with an estimated cost of \$825,000. The Airport must justify to the State why the projects are needed to be eligible for approval of the grant. The CIP program is due November 1, 2016. Staff will submit the CIP application to the FAA and State along with the appropriate Board Resolution. Airport Director Ben Morris noted that the Authority has no match to meet with FAA grants as the FAA provides 90% of the funding and the state matches 10%.

#### **3) Discussion regarding Lakefront Airport obtaining a Part 139 Certificated Airport**

Chair Heaton requested this item be put on the Airport Committee Agenda monthly to ensure that Lakefront Airport is actively working toward a Part 139. Staff is requested to give a punch list of the pros and cons of a Part 139 along with an estimate of the cost and what has been accomplished to date. The Board will then weigh in on the issue. Mr. Watson advised of a FAA mock inspection that detailed the requirements and what had to be accomplished to meet those requirements. The Airport must address existing issues such as fading signs, an aging fire truck, and water and foam requirements that must be met. If Lakefront Airport shows intention in being a Part 139 airport it can receive funding from the FAA and the capacity for funding will increase. The Airport will then be allowed to charge passenger facility charges for each passenger emplaned on a commercial service flight, and will step up in priority list. Lakefront Airport is currently a general aviation airport. Chair Heaton noted capital and operational costs that are involved in a Part 139 Airport. The Airport Committee must work toward and prepare a strong case to the Board to get approval for a preliminary resolution of support to receive 139 certification.

Mr. Watson noted that Airport staff is assisting the firemen to develop a Work Order system to track trends and problem areas within the Airport, any existing issues, and what projects can be prioritized. Staff will continue to research the cost of obtaining 139 certification and where the Airport stands in reaching that goal. Chair Heaton added that the Levee District (pre Katrina) spent over \$6 million annually to operate the Airport. At that time there were 22 maintenance personnel available for maintenance work; the

Authority currently has two maintenance personnel. An actual estimate must be prepared in terms of budgets, maintenance and what the Authority can commit to be able to pass a Resolution in one year stating that Lakefront Airport is applying for 139 certification.

**4) Discussion and approval to extend Airport Employment Contract for Yvonne Mitchell**

Chair Heaton advised that staff is assisting Civil Service to reorganize positions.

**Public Comments**

Paul Klein advised the Committee that the purpose of his attendance was to give an opinion of the one man air show by Franklin J.P. Augustus (Drug Fighter). A special outfit was made for Mr. Augustus who makes presentations at various schools talking with students about aerospace sciences and youth programs. Knowledge is power if it is presented correctly.

Mr. Augustus noted that the Drug Fighter Program had Resolution in front of the Board and advised that the air program gives students the opportunity for exposure in aerospace sciences and has been successful with law enforcement as well. More participation in youth programs is needed at airports as students should have the opportunity to develop their young minds and make positive things happen.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Announcement of Next Meeting**

Chair Heaton announced that the next Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Conference Center at Lakefront Airport.

**Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 11:24 a.m.