

NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Airport Committee Meeting
Tuesday April 12, 2016 – 9:30 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Airport Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., at 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 9:46 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

PRESENT:

Chair Wilma Heaton
Comm. Michael Stack
Comm. Roy Arrigo

ABSENT:

Comm. Anthony Richard

STAFF:

K.J. Schwingshagl – Executive Director
Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant
Ben Morris – Airport Director
Chanse Watson – Assistant Airport Director

ALSO PRESENT:

Gerry Metzger – Legal Counsel
Chris Fenner – Stuart Consulting
Frank Rivette – NOAA

Opening Comments

Adopt Agenda

Comm. Stack Arrigo moved to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Comm. Arrigo. Motion passed.

Approval Of Prior Minutes

Comm. Arrigo moved to approve the Airport Committee meeting minutes of March 17, 2016, second by Comm. Stack. Motion passed.

Presentations

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Frank Rivette

Presentation regarding Hurricane Awareness Event at Lakefront Airport

Mr. Rivette informed the Committee that NOAA is bringing the Hurricane Awareness Tour to Lakefront Airport on May 18, 2016. NOAA aircraft and the Air Force C-130 tours the Atlantic or Gulf Coast to promote hurricane education, safety and awareness. The C-130 and Gulf Stream High Altitude Reconnaissance Aircraft will arrive on May 18, 2016. Schools will tour the displays and emergency managers will meet and tour the facility and aircraft. The Hurricane Center Director will give a briefing, and the public has the opportunity to tour the aircraft. This event raises hurricane awareness to one of the most hurricane-prone vulnerable areas in the nation.

Report on Current Airport Issues

Chanse Watson, Airport Assistant Director, reported that quotes were being obtained to install the PAPI lights, which will be shipped by the end of April and operational by June. The regulator will follow in May. Boring was completed for the Lighting Vault and that project is moving forward. There have been delays due to bad weather.

Ben Morris, Airport Director, reported that Tuna Construction completed the Customs build-out. A security meeting is scheduled with Customs and Airport staff in the near future. Customs has received occupancy from the Fire Marshall. The Four Winds Fountain meeting will address possible work done on the

statuary. Conservator Elise Grenier will perform chemical testing to determine the presence of salt saturation in the statues. It is possible to get another version from FEMA to include repair to the statuary. Chair Heaton requested the item be placed on the Board Agenda.

The Executive Director addressed the soot fire at Lakefront Airport and advised that experts determined the water cooler was not the cause of the fire. The insurance company is finalizing the settlement. An additional \$5,000 is expected, but the Authority is responsible for the \$25,000 deductible. The final report will be reviewed and forwarded to counsel to determine if the Authority should pursue the deductible issue. Clean-up had taken place when the adjuster arrived as the firemen assumed the water cooler started the fire. Experts determined the water cooler did not start the fire. H3 Electric arrived after the fire, examined electrical connections near the water cooler, and found no issues in the area. The Fire Marshall stated that the fire started at the water cooler, and that report is needed in the event the Authority pursues the source of the fire.

Chair Heaton noted that the Committee knows nothing of how the fire started. It is self-serving to the insurance company that the origin of the fire is unknown, leaving the Authority responsible for the deductible. The Airport Director requested H3 double check connections in the area to ensure something was not missed.

Old Business

1) Discussion regarding Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Orleans Aviation Board for mutually beneficial services

Chanse Watson advised that the airport is awaiting a response from the Deputy Director of MSY. The CEA has not been finalized as Airport staff requested a meeting to discuss in depth the benefits to both parties. The final CEA will be brought before the Board for review.

Mr. Morris advised that the new tower hours would be from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. (previously 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 P.M.). The CEA should be finalized this year.

Chair Heaton addressed the floodwall litigation and noted that briefs are due the beginning of May. The attorneys advised that a geotech expert witness was needed, and requested Ralph Junius. A \$35,000 proposal was received for the geotech work. A request was made to the Flood Authority to front the money as this issue deals strictly with flood work. The Authority must proceed forward as there are currently no settlement negotiations.

The Flood Authority approved payment of \$224,000 for the Conference Room build-out. The Flood Authority will pay for the build-out of the Conference Center in exchange for use of the Conference Center on an as-need basis. Those interested in renting the Conference Center will contact the Airport Director. The Conference Center will also be available for tenants to use on a first-come first serve basis. In a storm event the Conference Center could be turned into an Incident Command Center for Coast Guard, and Messina's can use the Conference Center for events as well.

Adjournment

Comm. Stack offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Comm. Arrigo and unanimously adopted.

Announcement Of Next Meeting

The next Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.