

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2017 – 2:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Airport Committee of the Non-Flood Asset Protection Management Authority was held on Thursday August 15, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., in the 2nd Floor Conference Center at Lakefront Airport, 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 2:33 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

Present:

Chair Wilma Heaton
Comm. Dawn Hebert
Comm. Thomas Fierke
Comm. Pat Meadowcroft

Absent:

Comm. Carla Major

Staff:

Jesse Noel – Executive Director
Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant
Chanse Watson – Assistant Airport Director

Also Present:

Addie Fanguy – Signature Flight Support

Opening Comments

Chair Heaton advised that Comm. Fierke will be taking Comm. Richard's place on the Airport Committee.

Adopt Agenda

Comm. Fierke offered a motion to adopt the Agenda, second by Comm. Hebert. Motion passed.

Approve Minutes

Comm. Meadowcroft offered a motion to approve the July 18, 2017 Airport Committee meeting minutes, second by Comm. Hebert, and abstained by Comm. Fierke. Motion passed.

Public Comments

None

Director's Report

E.D. Noel advised that the grant application for 36L Runway Rehabilitation has been submitted, and may require a Board Resolution next week. The Lighting Vault project is under contract with Eutaw Construction, and an air space study has been submitted to the FAA for placement of the cranes. The contract has a tight time-frame and is being held up by the FAA. To avoid a liquidated damages situation, the Notice to Proceed will be issued after approval by the FAA of the air spaced study. The performance bond for the LED taxiway light project must be received from the contractor prior to issuing the contract. The Wind Cone project is complete with the exception of one wind cone by the Fire Station, which will be replaced after the Lighting Vault is complete.

Old Business

1) **Status on Part 139 certification for Lakefront Airport**

E.D. Noel advised that Asst. Airport Director Chanse Watson issued a preliminary Part 139 inspection report on the inspection performed by the FAA last year. Many ARFF issues noted in the inspection will be addressed later this year, with some items being

cost prohibitive such as the ARFF vehicle and repairs to get the ARFF building to code. The Airport must obtain a Request Letter from a commercial airline to operate at Lakefront Airport. Once Lakefront Airport is certified, the Airport can operate even without commercial service. After Katrina Lakefront Airport lost the Part 139 Certification as it was cost prohibitive. Chair Heaton advised that this issue is placed on the Agenda monthly to address items needed at Lakefront Airport to be Part 139 compliant. As these items arise, staff can chip away at the list of what is needed for a 139 certification.

2) Discussion regarding Lakefront Airport landing fees

Chair Heaton noted that prior to implementing landing fees, staff will prepare a study and hear any comments from the FBOs. E.D. Noel advised of further investigation into landing fees, which cost benefits are not conducive for the Authority. In lieu of landing fees, staff will further investigate the parking fee structure as to what that structure should be and how to implement parking fees. Chair Heaton added that staff can revisit landing fees if the flood wall is successful as landing fees are a very specified issue. Staff will determine the appropriate time to implement landing fees to make those fees effective.

3) Discussion regarding Mosquito Control facilities

E.D. Noel advised that CB&I (formerly SHAW) will prepare an environmental review of the former Mosquito Control facilities to get an expert third-party opinion prior to leasing those facilities. The Authority is looking forward to getting those two warehouse buildings back into commerce. The buildings are not large enough or suitable for hangar use as the facilities are not contiguous to the airfield. Chair Heaton added that there is still a large hangar for Mosquito Control aircraft. The Authority engaged in a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City to allow the use of the hangar. In return Mosquito Control was able to release \$700,000 in repairs from FEMA for the hangar, which project will be bid in October. Mosquito Control abandoned the former office space and warehouse and moved to their new building on Leo C Simon, and is currently attempting to secure a new aircraft. There is a potential tenant who may tear down and rebuild the building. Mr. Noel advised that he would continue to investigate the issue as there may be a potential issue with air space.

New Business

4) Discussion regarding airport-owned tie downs

E.D. Noel advised of an area of pavement past the air control tower that is in bad condition. There has been increased interest in having airport facilitated tie downs. That small patch of pavement can be potentially outfitted with rigging or tie down straps. The Authority can offer a pilot program for airport owned tie downs, which cost approximately \$50 per space. If there is an increased interest, the Authority may be able to expand the area with additional pavement and tie downs. The Airport does not currently manage any tie downs.

Comm. Meadowcroft noted that tie downs are necessary in weather events. If an issue arises with a faulty tie down; the Authority may potentially have the liability for any damages to an aircraft. Mr. Noel advised that he will contact the Authority's insurer regarding the insurance issue and report back to the Committee. The FAA-mandated liability insurance may or may not cover tie downs. Mr. Watson reported different methods to anchor tie downs, which will be addressed and reviewed as to the advantages and disadvantages of both.

5) Discussion regarding possible execution of Change Order #1 to include Add Alternate #1 for the Crackfill, Sealcoat, Repaint Runway 18L/36R State Project No. H-012765 at N.O. Lakefront Airport, which was awarded to HASCO, Inc. for a base bid of \$170,117.35 funded by DOTD

Mr. Noel reported that this \$290,000 grant is funded by DOTD. There is an excessive amount of grant funding allowable. If Change Order #1 is issued, the Authority would be within \$5,000 of the total grant budget with no cushion for unforeseen issues. The base bid was awarded, and a portion of Alternate No. 1 may be added as a Change Order. This 90-day contract could be delayed for 30 days. Currently, there is no defined

scope for the Change Order, which causes hesitation to bringing this issue before the Board at this time.

Chair Heaton noted that Comm. Fireke will head up a project very important to the Airport Committee and the Board. The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) established a Louisiana chapter called the Big Easy Wing. Comm. Fierke noted that he would be the sub-committee of one to the Airport Committee to facilitate the CAF relocating to Lakefront. The members of the CAF are pursuing several aircraft at this time, which may need locations soon. At some point, the Authority may require a 501C3 to assist the CAF with fundraising or to assist with fundraising events.

Mr. Noel advised of a "Sneak Peak" hosted by Lakeshore Landing on September 2, 2017 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., which will be open to the public. There will be free music and food trucks to preview the new development at the former Bally's site.

Announcement of Next Meeting

Chair Heaton announced that the next Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 19, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Center, New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

Adjournment

Comm. Fierke offered a motion to adjourn, second by Comm. Meadowcroft. The meeting ended at 3:13 p.m.