

Minutes of Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority
Airport Committee Meeting
February 6, 2018 @ 2:30 P.M.

Present:

Chair Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Thomas Fierke
Commissioner Pat Meadowcroft
Commissioner Dawn Hebert

Absent:

Commissioner Carla Major

Staff:

Executive Director Jesse Noel
Executive Assistant Kim Vu
Assistant Airport Director Chanse Watson
Airport Manager Dave Howard
Captain Boudreaux – ARFF

Also Present:

Gerry Metzger – Legal Counsel
Peter Butler – Attorney for Flightline
Braytown Matthews – Flightline (FLF)
Chris Fenner – SCG
Ray Landeche – Lakeshore

The Airport Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority met on Tuesday February 6, 2018 at 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd. in the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building on the second-floor conference center. Chair Heaton called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M.

Opening Comments –

Chair Heaton stated that the airport staff, including herself and E.D. Noel, attended a successful FAA conference in Fort Worth, TX. She felt their participation will have a positive impact on the future of Lakefront Airport.

Motion to adopt Agenda –

Motion to adopt agenda was moved by Commissioner Meadowcroft, second by Comm. Hebert and all were in favor.

Motion to approve minutes –

- a) Motion to approve minutes from November 14, 2017 was moved by Commissioner Hebert, second by Comm. Meadowcroft and all were in favor.
- b) Motion to approve minutes from December 21, 2017 was moved by Commissioner Meadowcroft, second by Comm. Hebert and all were in favor.
- c) Motion to approve minutes from January 25, 2018 was moved by Commissioner Fierke, second by Comm. Meadowcroft and all were in favor.

Public Comments

Peter Butler, an attorney representing Flightline involving litigation, recently met to discuss potentially settling this matter, wanted to represent Flightline's desire to settle lawsuit with NFPAMA. He explained

to the airport committee that the two options are either to settle the lawsuit or continue to litigate. If the airport chose to settle this lawsuit, Peter Butler suggested a rent reduction to Flightline's lease agreement. Chair Heaton responded to Peter Butler that the airport committee will go into executive session to be briefed by the authority's legal counsel, and then there will be a future board decision made after the executive sessions occur in both airport and legal committee meetings.

Director's Report

E.D. Noel gave a status update to the airport committee on the budget, current projects, traffic count, unleased property at the Lakefront Airport, and some upcoming events involving the Lakefront Airport.

Old Business

a) Status on Part 139 Certification for Lakefront Airport

E.D. Noel reported that the airport staff continues to review the certification manual that is a part of Part 139 certification for Lakefront Airport. The airport staff has been waiting for the Executive Director's review. E.D. Noel explained that once it has been reviewed thoroughly, it will eventually be presented to the board for adoption.

b) Status on roof repairs (Williams and Moffett hangar buildings)

E.D. Noel reported that the airport staff consulted with Michael Baker for a design-analysis report, which consisted of three different options on the roof repairs. E.D. Noel has been working with staff to see which plan or option would be most feasible in the long-term.

New Business

a) Motion to approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Commemorative Air Force (CAF)

Motion for discussion regarding the approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Commemorative Air Force (CAF) moved by Comm. Fierke, second by Comm. Hebert, and all were in favor.

Commissioner Fierke pointed out some minor changes to the agreement and stated that he would like the airport committee to conditionally approve of the CEA with CAF. This motion was moved by Comm. Fierke, second by Comm. Meadowcroft and all were in favor.

Commissioner Fierke suggested that there should be a brief resolution done to approve the change of the term in the lease agreement to be one year term plus one year term options. Motion to recommend to the board that CEA be amended on an annual basis was moved by Commissioner Fierke, second by Commissioner Meadowcroft, and all were in favor.

b) Discussion of Lakefront Airport budget review 2018-2019

E.D. Noel updated the airport committee that a draft of the budget will be circulated and distributed to each committee for discussion and feedback.

c) Discussion of proposed MOU amendment

E.D. Noel recently met with the Flood Authority to discuss which properties the Flood Authority and Non-Flood Authority are responsible for maintaining. E.D. Noel will touch base with the Flood Authority and meet with some of the commissioners separately for further discussion before next month's committee meetings.

d) Motion to recommend a bid advertisement for Four Winds Fountain Restoration

Motion moved by Comm. Heaton and second by Comm. Meadowcroft, and all were in favor.

E.D. Noel explained to the airport committee the brief history and status of the Four Winds Fountain and why staff is recommending a bid for restoration on the fountain. The goal is to preserve the historic nature of the fountain by restoring some statues that were damaged from Hurricane Katrina. FEMA has provided funding to restore the fountain to its pre-Katrina conditions. E.D. Noel reached out to a consulting company, RCL, for a detailed scope of work after investigating the fountain's issues.

Executive Session

Flightline Ground, Inc. v. Orleans Levee District, Division of Non-Flood Assets and the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority. No: 14-541

Motion to go into executive session regarding the Flightline case was moved by Chair Heaton, second by Commissioner Fierke and all were in favor.

Motion to end executive session moved by Commissioner Fierke, second by Comm. Hebert and all were in favor.

Chair Heaton made the announcement that the next Airport Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 2:30 P.M.

Adjourn –

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Commissioner Fierke, second by Comm. Hebert, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 P.M.