



Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board
Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013

Mr. Denny Granum, Board Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board to order at 5:20 PM on March 12, 2013 in Grand Junction, Colorado and in the County of Mesa.

Present:

Commissioners:

Denny Granum, Chairman
David Hibberd, Vice Chairman
Doug Simons
Tom LaCroix
Tom Kenyon
John Stevens
Steve Wood

Other:

Shannon Kinslow, TOIL
Guy Parker, GJAUTA
Jason Virzi, Jviation
Jim Trott, Jviation
Bill Marvel, GJAUTA
Bob Erbisch, GJAUTA
Deborah Gaul, GJAUTA
Bill Pitts, GJ City Council
Sam Susuras, GJ City Council
Collin Fay
Marisa Fay
Wayne Clark, GJAUTA
Carl Vostatek, Architect

Airport Staff:

Rex Tippetts, Director of Aviation
Amy Jordan, Clerk
Gary Schroen
Kathie Lucas

I. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner LaCroix moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Commissioner Hibberd seconded. Voice vote: all aye. The agenda was approved as distributed.

II. Conflict Disclosures

None.

III. Commissioner Comments

None.

IV. Citizens Comments

None.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: February 2013 Board Meeting

B. Financials: January 2013

Discussion: NONE.

Commissioner Simons moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Voice vote: All Ayes. The consent agenda was approved as distributed.

VI. Action Items

A. Review of Ethics and Conflict Policy

Clerk to the Board, Amy Jordan explained to the Board that they established and approved an Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy in March of 2012. Jordan noted that this policy must be reviewed and approved annually. Additionally, all Commissioners must submit conflict of interest disclosure forms to her for filing by the end of March. Jordan said that this policy demonstrates continued efforts in the Authority Boards commitment to avoiding any situation in which the existence of a conflicting interest of any Director, officer or employee may call into question the integrity of the management or operation of the Grand Junction Regional Airport.

Discussion:

None.

Commissioner Simons moved to approve the Ethics and Conflict Policy. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Voice vote: All Ayes. The Ethics and Conflict Policy was approved as distributed.

VII. Discussion Items

A. At-Large Board Member Selection Process

Chairman Denny Granum explained to the Board that the selection committee, which includes himself, Dave Hibberd, Steve Wood, and Tom LaCroix, have met and reviewed all eleven applications submitted for the At-large position. Granum said that out of the eleven applicants, they interviewed the four most qualified candidates. Granum noted that he was pleased with the number and quality of applicants that submitted. Granum said that after completing the four interviews, the committee deliberated and selected one candidate, Mr. Thomas Frishe, whom they felt would be the best candidate for the position.

Commissioner Simons made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation of Thomas Frishe and take forward the recommendation to the Mesa County Board of County

Commissioner and the Grand Junction City Council for final appointment. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Voice vote: All Ayes.

B. Security Solutions Committee Update

Commissioner Steve Wood gave an update on the Security Solution Committee’s progress. Commissioner Wood said that as most are aware, an official appeal has been submitted the Transportation Security Administrations (TSA). Wood said that there is nothing new to report and everyone is eagerly awaiting the response, which he expects to have in the near future.

C. Manger’s Update

Director of Aviation, Rex Tippetts, updated the Board on the following items:

1. Sequestration – Tippetts told the Board that it is not clear at this point, how the sequestration cuts will affect GJT. Tippetts did note that there are scheduled contract tower closures of over 170 contract towers, which are expected to occur in April. Tippetts did say that GJT had enough operations to maintain the contract tower at GJT, but if additional cuts are called for, GJT may not be safe.
2. Air service Update – Tippetts briefly discussed the merger currently taking place with American Airlines and US Airways. Tippetts said that he does not foresee this merger affecting air service at GJT. Tippetts also told the Board that he had spoken recently with American Airlines and they plan to bring the third daily flight back this summer, for the season.

VIII. Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:42 P.M.

The next meeting of the Airport Authority Board will be at 5:15 P.M. on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

Denny Granum, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Amy Jordan, Clerk to the Board