Walker Field Airport Authority

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

May 16, 2006

BOARD COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

F. Roger Little

Doug Simons

Gregg Palmer

John Stevens Craig Springer

Tom LaCroix Denny Granum

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT:

Rex Tippetts, A.A.E.

Charles S. Novinskie

Eddie Storer

ALSO PRESENT:

Rick Brainard of West Star Aviation.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner LaCroix moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Springer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

On behalf of the Board and Airport Authority, Chairman Little welcomed Denny Granum to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Granum will be filling in the position formerly held by Robert McCormick.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: April 18, 2006 Regular Board Meeting

B. Accept 2005 Audit Report

Commissioner LaCroix moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Palmer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Contract Tower Association

Airport Manager Rex Tippets discussed the lengthy process concerning a new tower project and the possibility of a new location for the tower. Funding would come from a number of sources and the entire process could take 10-15 years.

Tippetts received overwhelming support from the Board for his request to join the Contract Tower Association in order to develop a long term relationship with all interested parties.

B. Manager's Report

Manager Tippetts reported that he recently met with the FAA in Denver on a number of issues.

Tippetts also made note that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had removed from the lease sale all land within the area of the airport that was designated for future development for the airport. The airport will be working with the BLM to start the process of transferring the land.

The airline service development plan was on track and Tippetts explained it as a three step process: public presentation by Mike Boggs of Mead & Hunt, a marketing study, and finally, prioritizing the market. Tippetts also met with the Visitor and Convention Bureau and the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce in order to gain their support and involvement in the project.

Tippetts will be participating in the airline industry Jump Start program in Austin, Texas the week of June 12.

Manager Tippets updated the Board concerning AIP 2005 ramp paving project and noted that the 2005 prices for paving were \$300/ton as opposed to today's price of \$700 per ton.

Finally, it was noted that the job pool has shrunk considerably and that the number of qualified applicants for open maintenance positions has shrunk due to the number of people being hired by higher paying oilfield positions.

VII. OTHER ITEMS

A. June Board Workshop

The June Board Workshop is scheduled for June 6, 2006. Items for discussion include: 2006 Budget Amendments, preview of Walker Field Drive realignment, change to leasing policies, as well as a lease extension request by West Star Aviation.

Chairman Little noted that a tour of the BLM Air Center is scheduled prior to the workshop at 4 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Springer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE 20th DAY OF June

Chairman F. Roger Little

ATTEST:

Charles S. Novinskie, Clerk