

# **Walker Field Airport Authority**

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## **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**September 19, 2006**

**BOARD COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** F. Roger Little                      Denny Granum  
Gregg Palmer                                  John Stevens  
Tom LaCroix                                  Craig Springer

**AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT:** Rex Tippetts, A.A.E.                      Charles S. Novinskiie  
Eddie Storer

**ALSO PRESENT:**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Manager Tippetts requested to add an item to the Agenda to include discussion of the design of the roundabout to be located at the Walker Field Drive and Horizon Drive entrances. Chairman Little stated that this topic would be included as Item VI.

Vice Chairman LaCroix moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Palmer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Manager Tippetts distributed copies of the recently completed "Passenger Demand Analysis". He asked the Board to review the report since it would be topic for discussion at the October Board work session.

Commissioner Palmer provided a copy of the current roster of "Bylaws and Ethical Standards" of the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County for the Board's information as a courtesy of the City.

### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes: August 15, 2006 Regular Board Meeting**
- B. Lease for Real Property with the United States Government for the National Weather Service's Upper Air Launch Facility**

The United States of America (Government) currently leases .56 acres for the National Weather Service's (NWS) Upper Air Launch Facility located at 793 Heritage Way. The current agreement expires on September 30, 2006, and the Government requests to continue leasing the parcel for the same purposes.

The Lease is for a term of one year beginning October 1, 2006 and may be renewed for nine additional one year terms at the option of the Government until September 30, 2016. Additionally, either party may terminate the Lease by giving the other party sixty (60) days written notice.

The Lease rate is \$304.91 per month, which is based on the highest ground rent currently charged by the Authority for aeronautical related activities (\$0.15 per square foot per year) and includes a yearly rental adjustment based on the U S City average for all urban consumers.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the Lease for Real Property with the US Government and authorize the Chairman to sign the Lease on behalf of the Airport Authority.

**C. Financial Report**

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

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Acceptance of the Colorado Aeronautical Grant**

The Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Aeronautical Board, has approved funds for the rehabilitation of airport ramp pavements.

The Grant Agreement allows the State to participate by providing a Grant amount of \$150,000.

Local matching funds, provided by the Walker Field Airport Authority will be in the amount of \$200,000.

The work, which was completed August 1, 2006, consisted of new asphalt on the ramp located east of the ARFF building.

The term of the Grant Agreements runs through June 30, 2010.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the Colorado Aeronautical Grant for rehabilitation of airport ramp pavements and authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Airport Authority.

Commissioner Granum moved to approve Acceptance of the Colorado Aeronautical Grant for rehabilitation of airport ramp pavements and authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Airport Authority. Vice Chairman LaCroix seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **VI. ROUNDABOUT AT WALKER FIELD DRIVE AND HORIZON**

Manager Tippets provided proposed design renderings of the future roundabout to be located at the Walker Field Drive and Horizon Drive entrances to the Airport. He added that since the roundabout would be the gateway to the Airport and the community he wanted to ensure that the Board and Staff were in agreement with the proposed design. He stated that after reviewing the proposed design and size of the roundabout, and also taking into consideration that Walker Field is not a military airport, he had some question as to whether or not the airplane should be a main focus of the roundabout. He asked the Board for their comments.

After some discussion it was the general consensus that the airplane not be located in the roundabout but moved to some other area of the Airport.

Commissioner Palmer suggested that the entrances to Walker Field Drive and Horizon Drive be consistent with the design of other entrances to the City.

Manager Tippets thanked the Board for their comments.

#### **VII. PERSONNEL MATTERS (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

Commissioner Stevens moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Commissioner Granum seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Commissioner Palmer moved to exit out of Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. Commissioner Springer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

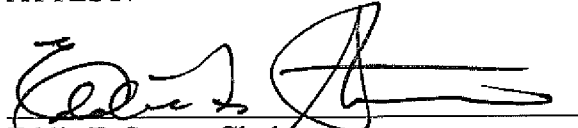
Commissioner Granum moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner LaCroix seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2006.

  
Chairman F. Roger Little

ATTEST:



Eddie F. Storer, Clerk