

B. Construction Update

Ed Storer provided an update on construction projects currently underway at the Airport including parking lot improvements; Walker Field Drive; 34 Project (west concrete ramp project); and the 35 Project (runway design and rebuild). He and Manager Tippetts responded to questions regarding project start-up and completion schedules.

C. American Airlines Update

Amy Jordan reported on the positive outcome of the recent visit of American Airlines executives to Grand Junction and the Airport. She thanked the Board for assisting staff with the activities that took place. She explained thus far the Airport is marketing the American Grand Junction/Dallas connection through daily radio commercials; a year of advertising in the local "Things to Do" magazine; and the airing of TV commercials possibly beginning in March. Amy stated she would be meeting with American Airlines marketing people in Dallas to possibly develop vacation packages in the Grand Junction and Dallas areas.

Amy announced that the inaugural flight is scheduled to take place April 7th with a ribbon cutting and water cannon ceremony. She stated that Board members would be receiving invitations to the event and personally invited them to attend.

D. Rental Car Bids

Manager Tippetts reported that bid packages were mailed out and three bid conferences had been held. He commented that rental car agencies are very engaged and also in agreement with the Airport facilities charge. He added that all bids would be turned in, reviewed and ready for the Board to award rental car contracts at the March Board Meeting.

E. Manager's Update

Manager Tippetts commented that with future plans at the Airport and the importance of FAA funding he believed it would be of benefit to pursue a position on the U.S. Contract Tower Association (CTA) Policy Board. He explained that minimal travel funds would be required. He asked the Board for a letter of support in this endeavor.

Vice Chairman Stevens moved that the Board write a letter of support for Manager Tippetts to pursue a position on the U.S. CTA Policy Board and to fund travel as needed. Commissioner Little seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Tippetts announced that Frontier Airlines would be replacing Great Lakes at the Airport. Discussion ensued encompassing the importance of marketing the Airport with the additional air service of American Airlines and

Frontier Airlines; the Airport's ability to fill approximately 341 additional seats; research of and monitoring air fares; and the significance of Manager Tippet's appearance at service clubs and other organizations to provide the public with an update of happenings at the Airport and to market the American Airlines Grand Junction/Dallas connection and Frontier air services.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

Chairman Doug Simmons

ATTEST:

Amy Jordan, Clerk