Walker Field Airport Authority

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

January 16, 2007

BOARD COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

F. Roger Little

Denny Granum

Gregg Palmer

John Stevens Craig Springer

Tom LaCroix

Doug Simons

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT:

Rex Tippetts, A.A.E.

Eddie Storer

ALSO PRESENT:

Rick Brainard of West Star Aviation, Phil Smith of Aero

GJT, Jim Reiser of Hertz

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Tippetts requested that an Executive Session be added to the agenda prior to adjournment of the regular scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Denny Granum moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Simons seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments or communications.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: December 19, 2006 Regular Board Meeting

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

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. <u>Election of 2007 WFAA Officers</u>

The Walker Field Airport Authority By-Laws require that the election of officers for a new year be held at the first regular Board meeting in January. The

positions include Chairman (a Board member), Vice Chairman (a Board member), Treasurer (historically the Airport Manager), Clerk (a Staff member), and Deputy Clerk (a Staff member).

Staff recommended the following individuals to serve in the 2007 Officer position:

- Treasurer Rex A. Tippetts
- Clerk Eddie Storer
- Deputy Clerk Amy Peterson

Commissioner Springer moved to elect Tom LaCroix as Chairman and Doug Simons as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Palmer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to newly elected Board Chairman, Tom LaCroix.

Commissioner Palmer moved to appoint Rex A. Tippetts as Treasurer, Eddie Storer as Clerk, and Amy Peterson as Deputy Clerk. Commissioner Little seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

B. <u>Designation of Public Places for Posting Notices of Meetings of the WFAA</u> <u>Board of Commissioners</u>

Colorado State law requires that the Authority designate the public place or places for posting notices of meetings of the Authority Board of Commissioners. The designation shall take place at the Authority's first regular meeting of each calendar year. The Authority By-Laws require that notices of such meetings be posted in at least three (3) places within the City of Grand Junction, three (3) places within Mesa County, and in the Mesa County Courthouse.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the designation of the following locations for posting notices of meetings of the Authority Board of Commissioners:

- Grand Junction City Hall (within City)
- Mesa County Administration Building (within City)
- Mesa County Public Library (within City)
- DeBeque City Hall (within County)
- Fruita City Hall (within County)
- Palisade City Hall (within County)
- Collbran City Hall (within County)
- Walker Field Airport Terminal Building (within City)
- Walker Field Web Site (www.walkerfield.com)
- Mesa County Courthouse (within City)

Commissioners Palmer and Granum questioned the necessity of posting notices at all locations listed in Staff's recommendation. Manager Tippetts commented that the list

had been considerably reduced last year from what it had been in the past. After some discussion it was agreed that the list could be reduced further.

Commissioner Granum moved to approve designation of the following locations for posting notices of meetings of the Authority Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Palmer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

- Grand Junction City Hall (within City)
- Mesa County Administration Building (within City)
- Walker Field Airport Terminal Building (within City)
- Walker Field Web Site (www.walkerfield.com)

C. Resolution No. 2007-001: Revised Banking Resolution: A Resolution Concerning Execution of Documents Pertaining to Bank Accounts

Each year the Board adopts a new Banking resolution. The Resolution is sent to all financial institutions with which the Authority conducts business. The major change in this resolution is Staff is recommending an increase in the limit need for two signatures from checks more than \$15,000 to checks more than \$25,000 pertaining to regular business of the Authority. Staff would interpret this to mean Board approved budget items such as the utility bills and bond payments.

Staff recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 2007-001: Resolution Concerning Execution of Documents Pertaining to Bank Accounts contingent upon the insertion of the Board officer's and members' names resulting from the election of officers. Additionally, Staff recommended that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Authority.

Commissioner Stevens moved to approve Resolution No. 2007-001: Resolution Concerning Execution of Documents Pertaining to Bank Accounts, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Authority. Commissioner Granum seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Stevens, aye; Commissioner Palmer, aye; Commissioner Springer, aye; Commissioner Little, aye; Chairman LaCroix, aye; Vice Chairman Simons, aye; Commissioner Granum, aye. All ayes: Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2007-2002; Resolution of the Board of Commissioners Regarding Authority to Execute Standardized Agreements for the Walker Field, Colorado, Public Airport Authority

Previously, the Board approved resolutions granting authority to the Airport Manager to execute specific "Standardized Agreements" including certain amendments thereto, assignments thereof, and terminations thereof (unless such documents contain additional provisions that have not been previously approved by the Board). The "Standardized Agreements" include the following:

- Ground Lease Agreement
- Building Use and Lease Agreement
- Sublease Agreement

- Easement Deed and Agreement
- Independent Contractor Agreement
- Loan of Property Agreement
- Community Exhibit and Display Agreement
- Off-Airport Rental Car Agreement
- Licensing Agreement
- Termination Agreement
- Landlord's Consent to Lease Assignment

Resolution No. 2007-002 renews the authority granted previously to the Airport Manager to execute Standardized Agreements including certain amendments thereto, assignments thereof, and terminations thereof (unless such documents contain additional provisions that have not been previously approved by the Board on behalf of the Authority. The Airport Manager will continue to apprise the Board of any such Standardized Agreements which were signed during the previous month. This Resolution will expire on January 31, 2007 unless renewed by the Board.

Staff recommended that the Board approve Resolution No. 2007-002 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Airport Authority.

Commissioner Springer moved to approve Resolution No. 2007-002 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Airport Authority. Commissioner Little seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Stevens, aye; Commissioner Palmer, aye; Commissioner Springer, aye; Commissioner Little, aye; Chairman LaCroix, aye; Vice Chairman Simons, aye; Commissioner Granum, aye. All ayes: Motion carried.

E. Request by Mesa Café to Extend Lease to Coincide with Their Liquor License

Mesa Café contacted Staff regarding the inability of the City to reissue their liquor license, since their lease has less than a year left. Eddie Storer discussed the issue with Stephanie Tuin, City Clerk, and was told that State Law prohibits the City from issuing a liquor license to an establishment with a lease of less than a year. Knowing that Mesa Café would be unable to survive without the liquor license, I proposed the solution of a four-month extension to the City of which they agree to.

Staff recommended that the Board approve and authorize the Airport Manager to sign the four-month lease extension for Mesa Café.

Commissioner Granum moved to approve and authorize the Manager to sign the fourmonth lease extension for Mesa Café. Commissioner Palmer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Walker Field Drive Update

The Walker Field Drive Project was bid on December 19, 2006 with MA Concrete being the apparent low bidder. The Bid tab for MA Concrete is attached.

The Denver snowstorms and schedule conflicts have prevented Staff from having a recommendation for the January WFAA Board meeting.

Manager Tippetts referred to Schedules A through I in the Board packet and discussed several variables in construction costs. He briefly addressed areas that are under consideration including budget for a sign plan, airport parking rates, retiring current bonds to free up borrowing ability, and continued discussions with West Star. He stated that his plan is to have a packet ready for the Board's review at the February Board Workshop and a recommendation to the Board at the February Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Palmer offered information concerning possible availability of private activity bonds through the City and County. Manager Tippetts thanked him and stated he would follow up on the suggestion.

VII. OTHER ITEMS

A. February 6, 2007 Board Workshop

Manager Tippetts recommended to the Board that the February Workshop be moved from the 6th to the 13th to allow time for Staff to gather the necessary information to have a package ready for the Board's review. It was the consensus to schedule the Board Workshop on February 13th.

B. Refund of an Overdraft

Mr. Storer brought up the matter of a check refund payable to the FAA in the amount of \$131,151. He reported that the refund represented an overdraft relating to the Landing View Lane project and offered an explanation as to how the overdraft occurred.

Commissioner Springer questioned if there would be any penalties involved and Mr. Storer responded that there would most likely be some interest applied, but the amount was unknown at this time.

C. Commissioner Springer stated it was his understanding that revenue based fees were essentially based on the honor system. He asked if Staff has a mechanism in place to do random audits on rental car agencies, parking lot, fuel, and other revenue based entities.

Manager Tippetts responded that random audits are not currently performed but suggested they need to be done. He added that it was his belief an independent auditor as opposed to Staff should be responsible for such audits and that he would pursue the matter further.

D. Commissioner Springer asked Manager Tippetts if there had been any progress with regard to the payroll tax issue. Manager Tippetts responded that Dalby-Wendland has been retained to provide the Board an independent review, which should be completed in the near future.

Chairman LaCroix questioned if there was any further information to report on Allegiant. Manager Tippetts responded that the Airport has again offered to partner in a marketing program with Allegiant and that they are in the process of coming up with a marketing strategy.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Palmer moved to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Springer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

Vice Chairman Simons moved to exit out of Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. Commissioner Springer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

IX. ADOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE Z-7 DAY OF 7c, 2007.

Chairman Tom LaCroix

ATTEST:

Eddie E Storer Clerk