



Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2012

Opening:

Mr. Doug Simons, Board Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board to order at 5:15 PM on February 21, 2012 in Grand Junction, Colorado and in the County of Mesa.

Present:

Commissioners:

Doug Simons, Chairman
Morgan Hamon, Vice Chairman
Denny Granum
John Stevens
David Hibberd
Tom Kenyon

Other:

Shannon Kinslow, TOIL
Rick Brainard, West Star Aviation
Chris Staidl, FedEx
Dan Thurlow, Citizen
JF Mugnier, Citizen
Larry Kempton, AOPA
Allan Moore, AOPA
Bob Erbisch, Aero Fuel
Collin and Marissa Fay, Colorado Flight Center
Laura Luke, Grand Junction City Council
Bill Pitts, Grand Junction City Council
David Hartman, Armstrong
Ed Hanson, Citizen
Sterling Hurst, Citizen
Steve Wood, CAPCO
Eric Mocko, Ground
Ed Behen, CAF
Deborah Gaul, Aero Fuel
David Shepard, Citizen

Airport Staff:

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

I. Approval of Agenda

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

I. Conflict Disclosures

Clerk Amy Jordan, explained that this is a new agenda item. The Airport Authority's Attorney, Mike Morgan, recommended this item be added to the agendas moving forward. This agenda it is to allow any Commissioner who has a Financial Interest or

property interest in any matter proposed or pending before the Authority Board shall disclose such interest to the Board at the meeting at which such proposed or pending matter is to be considered. Any such disclosure will be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Simons asked that each Board Member disclose any conflict of interest they might have at this time:

- John Stevens: None
- Denny Granum: Property Interest (Lessee)
- Morgan Hamon: Property Interest (Sub-lessee)
- Doug Simons: Property Interest (Lessee)
- David Hibberd: Property Interest (Lessee)
- Tom Kenyon: None

II. Commissioner Comments

Chairman Simons asked the other commissioners if they had any comments this evening.

Commissioner Stevens said that he and this Authority Board are committed to open communications. Stevens said that any time any citizen is concerned about anything, or just wants to address something with a Commissioner, that he is here to listen.

Vice Chair Hamon said that he would wait and give his comments during the discussion items, later in the meeting

Commissioner Granum had no comments.

Commissioner Hibberd had no comments.

Commissioner LaCroix was not present.

Commissioner Kenyon said that he had received a letter from Tipton's Office. This letter was a letter that was addressed to Tipton, but that Tipton's staff had forwarded on to Mayor Kenyon. The letter was regarding a business interested in relocating to Grand Junction Regional Airport. Commissioner Kenyon said that he wanted the Board to see the letter and suggested that Chairman Simons forward the letter on to the new security committee. Commissioner Kenyon also said that he has heard a lot about the commercial operations lately and how great things are going in that aspect, but would like to get an update on total operations at the airport.

Chairman Simons asked Commissioner Kenyon if the City Council had a chance to discuss and reconsider writing a letter of support for American Airlines.

Commissioner Kenyon said that there was some misunderstanding amongst Council and that it had been discussed and a letter would be sent out as soon as possible.

Chairman Simons said that he was glad to see that happen.

II. Citizens Comments

1. Bob Erbish, Aero Fuel

Mr. Erbish said that when he was a kid, the highlight of his life was coming out to the airport and eating at a restaurant, where you could watch airplanes take off and land. Mr. Erbish said that he would like to see features like that incorporated into a new facility. Mr. Erbish also

said that there are issues that are unresolved, that the Airport Authority is too focused on commercial aviation, and that they need to support general aviation more.

2. David Shepard, Grand Junction Tenant & Users Association

Mr. Shepard said, "I think it's critical that the authority conducts itself as a private entity and not as a private company and that a high level of accountability and transparency is vital."

Mr. Shepard also said that he has no interest in plowing old ground.

Mr. Shepard made a number of statements to the Authority, including:

- a. Mr. Shepard said that he was confused as to why a public entity created by the public would self-describe itself in the advertisement as owning the airport, more correctly, citizens own the airport. It sends the entirely wrong message to not acknowledge that this is a public entity.
- b. Mr. Shepard said that he is confused as to why we are spending tens of thousands of dollars of public money on a public relations campaign instead of using those funds to fix the fence.
- c. Mr. Shepard said that it is entirely outside the mainstream for a public entity to spend public money congratulating itself. It is simply not done.
- d. Mr. Shepard said that the airports public relations campaign is way over the top.
- e. Mr. Shepard said that he was confused as to why this board appears to believe that it is not reliant on taxpayers and answerable to them when tax moneys from the Federal Government and the State of Colorado are essential to the authority's very existence.
- f. Mr. Shepard said that he was confused as to why the authority, through its actions, communicates it does not feel bound to follow its own bylaws or Colorado airport authority law. He asked where the audit committee is.
- g. Mr. Shepard said that the exposures of financial interest tonight are nice, very positive, but again, it is not a substitute for violating your bylaws. Colorado bylaws say you cannot have a financial conflict, period, it does not say disclosure is an acceptable remedy. Mr. Shepard said that if you're gonna be on this board you cannot have a financial interest in the airport.
- h. Mr. Shepard said that Colorado airport authority law states that board members must be appointed by the entities that created the authority, in this case the city and the county, yet the board selected the at large member. Mr. Shepard said he did not know how that works.
- i. Mr. Shepard said that he is confused by the selection of an outside consultant with a checkered past.
- j. Mr. Shepard said that he is confused further on leases, that the airport director characterized lease renewal as illegal.

Mr. Shepard went on to accuse Director Tippetts of renegotiating a lease.

- k. Mr. Shepard said that the rumor is that the authority is considering buying a hangar that facilitates setting up a private business.

Director Tippetts This grant has two elements:

- A. Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Truck

III. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes: January 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Discussion: NONE.

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

IV. Action Items

A. Address Change

Director Tippetts explained that due to the Airport's growth and change over time, what use to be two delineated roadways are now one, due to roadway alignment. These two roadways, Eagle Drive and Blue Angel Lane, need to be renamed to accurately reflect the configuration of the roadways and to alleviate confusion for visitors.

There are currently three buildings that hold addresses on Eagle Drive and three buildings that hold addresses on Blue Angle Lane. They are as follows:

Building	Current Address
Fed Ex	2840 Blue Angel Ln.
GJRA Fire Bay	2842 Blue Angel Ln.
GJRA Electrical Vault	2846 Blue Angel Ln.
Meter Housing – PP3	794 Eagle Drive
West Star Electrical Building	803 Eagle Drive
FAA Control Tower and SSC	805 Eagle Drive

Director Tippetts said that he would like to recommend getting rid of Blue Angle Lane and carrying Eagle Drive all the way through.

Discussion: NONE.

Commissioner Hibberd moved change the name of Blue Angel Lane to Eagle Drive. Vice Chair Hamon seconded. Voice vote: All Ayes. The change of Blue Angel Lane to Eagle Drive was approved as distributed.

B. Resolution 2012-005: Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Agreement 12-GJT-01

Director Tippetts said that this grant is to purchase a new of Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Truck. Currently, GJRA has two ARFF Trucks.

The Oshkosh Striker was built and purchased in 2003. The Oshkosh 1500 was built and purchased in 1988. The Federal Aviation Administration recommends replacing ARFF Trucks every 10 years. The total grant amount: \$400,000.00.00

Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the Resolution 2012-005: 2012 Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Agreement 12-GJT-01. Commissioner Granum seconded. Roll call vote: All Ayes. The Resolution 2012-005 was approved as distributed.

V. Discussion Items

A. Managers Update

Director Rex Tippetts updated the Board on a variety of topics including:

1. Diversion Meeting – Held in Denver on February 7th. Tippetts said that all the key players from the FAA, Air Traffic Control, the Airlines, and the Airports were present. This meeting was to discuss the diversion plan for commercial service, Colorado Airports.
2. FAA Reauthorization – Tippetts said that the ARFF requirements that were present in the last reauthorization were not in the bill this time. Tippetts did say that the big change is the matching requirements. What use to be 95% Federal to 5% Local is not 90% Federal to 10% Local. Tippetts said that this has the possibility to greatly affect the capital improvement program.

B. Airport Leasing Guidelines

Director Tippetts said that the Airport had received a handful of public comments, during the first public comment period. The comments were referred onto the Board to review. Tippetts said that staff would now draft guidelines for the Board to look at next meeting, taking into account the public comments that had been received.

Chairman Simons said that the Board is scheduled to have a Public Comments Forum, where interested parties can address the Board with their comments, regarding the leasing guidelines, as well as another public comment period.

C. Security Solutions Committee Update

Commissioner Hamon gave an update of the committee's progress. Hamon said that the committee had a constructive first meeting. The committee discussed a variety of alternatives, one that included establishing a commercial general aviation area. Hamon said that the second meeting was less productive, and the committee spends a lot of time discussing the past. Hamon said that currently the committee is working on creating a list of objectives, to use when evaluating alternatives. Hamon said that at this point, a timeline is uncertain, but the committee would like to have substantial progress made by the March Board meeting.

VI. Adjourn into Executive Session

Commissioner Kenyon moved to adjourn into executive session. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Voice vote: All Ayes.

The Board adjourned into executive session at 6:35 P.M.

Executive Session

Discussion Items:

- A. Possible Real Estate Procurement in which no member of the Authority Board has a personal interest, as authorized by Colorado Revised Statute §24-6-402(4) (a).

The Board adjourned back into regular session at 6:45 P.M.

VII. Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

The next meeting of the Airport Authority Board will be at 5:15 P.M. on March 20, 2012.

Doug Simons, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Amy Jordan, Clerk to the Board