

Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes November 9, 2017

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Time: 5:15PM

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rick Taggart, Board Chairman, called the Meeting of the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board to order at 5:23 PM on November 9, 2017 in Grand Junction, Colorado and in the County of Mesa.

Commissioners Present:	Other:
Rick Taggart, Chairman	
Tom Benton	
Chuck McDaniel	
Robin Brown	
Erling Brabaek	
Thaddeus Shrader	
Clay Tufly	
Airport Staff:	
Mark Achen	
Chance Ballegeer, Deputy Clerk	

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner McDaniel suggested to move section VI. Discussion/Action Items, up after citizen comments.

Commissioner Brown moved for the Board to approve the agenda with the change. Commissioner Benton seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes.

III. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner McDaniel noted that the Airport Authority received a CORA request from Mr. Shepard and Marvel for the record of the investigation made following the FBI raid in 2013. That investigation was conducted by outside counsel and his work is privileged and confidential under Colorado law, therefore, exempt from a CORA request and Airport counsel has responded to Mr. Shepard and Mr. Marvel.

Commissioner Brown requested a work session format to discuss updates.

IV. Citizens Comments

None.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. Revised November Board Meeting Date

Mr. Achen said that it would be the 16th of November beginning at 4PM for the workshop and the regular meeting at 5:15PM and it will all be in the Hearing room at the City.

B. Security discussion

Chairman Taggart stated that in a past executive session the board did ask for the FAA to weigh in with their thoughts having to do with a revision of the security plan which would either cause gates to be changed and/or fences to be changed. Chairman Taggart stated that the Airport has a response from the FAA stating that there could be a significant claw back of dollars on this project because the fence and gates did have a significant FAA grant of around \$4million, while he didn't say the exact amount, he did say it could be a significant claw back without using the term "claw back". Chairman Taggart said that he also added to it that it would have an impact on grants upcoming where the fence plays a role in terms of finishing it on the north end of the property.

Commissioner Benton stated that it would make sense, from a government funding perspective, that if they contributed 90+% to that project, if the Board does an action that would significantly change the purpose of the funding and it would fall upon the airport to absorb that cost.

Commissioner Brown said that they have come up with three or four options to help the GA out but none of them have worked out. Commissioner Brown stated that she and Commissioner McDaniel have discussed that it's time to come up with a way to develop a business park outside of the AOA that can solve those needs and be able to have businesses at the airport without affecting security.

A discussion took place to create a notice to make the public aware that the airport has essentially been put on notice that if they alter this and follow through with the plans, then there will be significant financial repercussion.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion that the Board will not implement the security solutions committee recommendation and will remain with their current plan. Commissioner Brown seconded. Voice Vote. Commissioner Tufly: Abstain; six Ayes.

VI. Executive Session

Commissioner Benton moved for the board to move into executive session, to discuss:

- Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees have requested an open meeting as authorized by C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f); and
- determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations;
 developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators as authorized by
 C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) more specifically for the position of Executive Director

Commissioner Brabaek: Aye, Commissioner Shrader: Aye, Commissioner Benton: Aye, Commissioner Brown: Aye, Commissioner McDaniel: Aye, Commissioner Tufly: Aye, Chairman Taggart: Aye.

Rick Taggart, Board Chairman		
ATTEST:		
Victoria Hightower, Clerk to the Board		