



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
GREATER ROCKFORD AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Rockford Airport Authority was held on Thursday, April 27, 2006, in the Greater Rockford Airport Authority Auditorium, 60 Airport Drive, Rockford IL.

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

| BOARD/LEGAL | P | A | STAFF | P | A | GUESTS/OTHER STAFF |
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| Eugene Allen | | X | Bob O'Brien | X | | Chuck Sweeney – RRS |
| Nicholas Ancona | X | | Derek Martin | X | | Renee Schroeder – Hinshaw & Culbertson |
| Bradley Bennett | X | | Amy Ott | X | | |
| Michael Dunn | X | | Franz Olson | X | | |
| Gwen Gulley | | X | Jan Benoit | X | | |
| Peter Provenzano | | X | Kathy Bruggeman | X | | |
| Bharat Puri | X | | Wayne Langy | X | | |
| Thomas Lester | X | | Zach Sundquist | | X | |

A motion was made by Commissioner Ancona, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved by voice vote to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2006 Regular Board Meeting as presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Ancona, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved by voice vote to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2006 Public Hearing as presented.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Executive Director, Bob O'Brien, reported on the following:

- Just returned from the AAAE 78th Annual Conference and Exposition. Had a discussion with FAA Administrator, Marion Blakey regarding RFD and the outstanding reimbursement. Administrator Blakey appreciated the conversation and stated that she would follow-up regarding the status of this issue. Also met with AirTran Airways. Separately had an extensive conversation with one of our air cargo partners about additional expansion/investment in their RFD facility. I look forward to hearing from them late May or early June.
- I'm happy to announce that Derek Martin is now officially an Accredited Airport Executive (AAE). There are 450 active members of the organization and he is one of 15 new members within the last 12 months. Please congratulate Derek for this accomplishment. Mr. O'Brien also stated that he is hopeful other staff members will join those same ranks in the near future.

Amy Ott, Deputy Director of Finance & Administration reported on the following:

- Gave a brief explanation about Resolution #06-29 regarding AirFest sponsorships. She added that there will be other AirFest contracts for concessionaires, special events, and insurance presented for approval at the next meeting.

- We are starting the next round of our internship program. To date, we have had three interns complete the program. There will be four interns starting this summer.
- Working on various grant compliance issues. Received notification today of the finalized \$75,000 Department and Economic Opportunity grant.

Franz Olson, Deputy Director of Operations and Facilities reported on the following:

- The Runway Safety Improvement project begins next Monday. The project includes some taxiway pavement rehabilitation, taxiway light circuit re-cabling, and expanding the airport inner service road to enable airfield vehicle traffic to access to the SW Cargo Apron without crossing the runway system. The project also includes a slight re-configuration of Falcon Road at the south end of the airfield. The \$3.5 million project is funded through a Federal Grant that was approved by the Board last fall. Sjostrom Construction Co., of Rockford is the primary contractor. The project is scheduled to be completed prior to the air show this September.
- The Airport Authority received official notification from the Foreign Trade Zones Board in Washington, D.C. that Rockford's Port of Entry limits have been extended. Previously the southern boundary was Route 72. The relocated southern boundary is now Interstate 88 running east and west. The request to extend the boundary was made by Union Pacific Railroad at the onset of the Global II Intermodal Hub in Rochelle IL. Expansion of the Port of Entry is important because it extends the jurisdictional reach of the FTZ No. 176.
- Anderson Packaging located in the Greater Rockford Industrial Park is a Foreign Trade Zone operator. Their initial approval granted by the FTZ Board would have expired May 31, 2006. On behalf of Anderson Packaging, the Airport Authority requested an extension of time. The FTZ Board extended Anderson's approval until June, 2009.
- I attended the Growth Dimensions Annual Dinner and program in Belvidere. The event highlighted Daimler Chrysler's contributions to the region. Mark Williams, Director of Growth Enterprises in his presentation acknowledged the importance of the Chicago/Rockford International Airport.
- The Illinois Office of Trade and Investment is hosting a breakfast seminar Giovanni's Restaurant & Convention Center. The Airport will have an FTZ oriented display at the event that I will be attending.
- The Airport's new SUV arrived yesterday and is being outfitted with the necessary airfield communication equipment. We anticipate delivery of the 12 passenger van soon.
- Jim Sawchuk and Bob Powell, partners and co-owners of Alpine Aviation have been tenants at RFD for over 26 years. Notably as partners, they constructed the large corporate hangar that was recently sold to Jeff Kaney by Newell Corporation. I am sorry to announce that Jim Sawchuk passed away suddenly at home last evening. Arrangements are pending.

Derek Martin, Deputy Director of Air Service Business Development & Marketing, reported on the following:

- A few years ago, staff began working on legislation for I-Fly to include smaller airports outside of the Chicago aviation system. Those funds have been distributed throughout the state.

- Load factors for United Airlines continue to be strong at 90% bidirectional. There were actually more passengers coming to RFD from Denver than going to Denver.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning & Finance Committee: Commissioner Ancona reported that the next scheduled meeting is May 18; however, the committee is having discussions about moving that meeting up in May before the Board Meeting on May 11.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: Ryan Airlines has formally announced that they will be moving their operation from Wichita, Kansas to Rockford, IL. This will include 125 jobs to include flight attendants which they are currently hiring for.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Ancona presented the Slate of Officers for May 2006 through April 2007. All commissioners are in 100% agreement. Legal Counsel suggested the Slate of Officers be placed on the agenda as a resolution and adopted at the next meeting. Commissioner Ancona added that Chairman Dunn has been asked to serve another one year term in large part because of his leadership, especially in regards to the relationship he has with our Congressman and Senators. Also, there is nothing stated in the by-laws that states the terms change every two years and the committee felt very strongly that a major change would not be in the best interest of the airport at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

Commissioner Puri made a motion to adopt **Resolution #06-27**, approving a Summary Material Modification to the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan Document for Compliance with HIPPA Electronic Security Standards effective April 20, 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ancona and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Puri made a motion to adopt **Resolution #06-29**, authorizing the Executive Director to execute the following cash and in-kind sponsorships for AirFest 2006: LaMonica Beverages Inc. of Rockford, IL for a total of \$28,200 of which \$17,000 is cash and \$11,200 is in-kind services. Pepsi-Cola of Rockford for a total of \$154,750 of which \$10,500 is cash and \$144,250 is in-kind services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ancona and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Puri made a motion to adopt **Resolution #06-30**, approving increasing the contracted amount for Rockford Register Star an additional \$25,000, increasing the Northwest Newsgroup (Northwest Herald and Kane County Chronicle) contracted amount an additional \$24,000, and increasing the Daily Chronicle (DeKalb) contracted amount an additional \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ancona and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Puri made a motion to adopt **Resolution #06-31**, approving a contract with Suburban Chicago Newspaper (Aurora Beacon) in the amount of \$22,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ancona and unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Puri made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (d) to discuss Personnel Matters and Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11) to discuss possible Litigation. Commissioner Ancona seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Regular session was reconvened and Commissioner Puri made a motion to adopt **Resolution #06-28**, approving the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Greater Rockford Airport Authority and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union 150 for a period of May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ancona and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Ancona to adjourn. The motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.