

Erie Regional Airport Authority
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday November 19, 2009
1:00 PM

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Erie Regional Airport Authority duly posted and advertised. Held in the Conference Room of the International Trade Center, located at 3837 West 20th. Street, in Millcreek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Attendance:

Sumner Nichols	Chris Rodgers	Bob Spaulding
Frank Stefano	Sheilah Bruno	Tyrone Clark
Lou Bizzarro	Ian Bogle	Chris Howley, Republic Parking
Lisa Cappabianca	Kim Scharrer	Ed Kissell
Dale Roth	Rick Robie	Katie Gunter, Boetger & Assoc
Charley Augustine	Mari Anne Clark	Don Boetger, Boetger & Assoc
Namon McWilliams	Irene Seyler	Jack Flanagan
Janet Anderson	Michelle Magee	Vinnie Halupczynski, Malin Bergquist
Don Wright	Tom Paris	

Meeting opened: 1:12 PM

Vice President Sumner Nichols opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nichols explained that with Lou Porreco's resignation, he would be acting president until new officers are voted in at the January meeting. Mr. Nichols commented that the Board might want to consider alternating a City appointed Board member and a County appointed Board member as Board President every year or two.

Approval of Minutes from:

Work Session-October 22, 2009

Regular Meeting-October 22, 2009

Frank Stefano moved and Namon McWilliams seconded

Approved by All: Lou Bizzarro, Lisa Cappabianca, Sumner Nichols, Namon McWilliams, Janet Anderson, Charley Augustine, Dale Roth and Frank Stefano

Bills to be Paid

Janet Anderson moved and Frank Stefano seconded

Approved by All: Lou Bizzarro, Lisa Cappabianca, Sumner Nichols, Namon McWilliams, Janet Anderson, Charley Augustine, Dale Roth, and Frank Stefano

Financial Report

Sheilah Bruno reported a net surplus after debt service of \$29,427 for the month of October. Year to date for 2009, we have a net surplus of \$239,799. Our 2008 year to date surplus was \$156,324. Ms. Bruno reported that we are favorable when compared to budget \$11,741 year to date.

Resolution 2009-44

Approval of Loans with Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB)

Dale Roth moved and Frank Stefano seconded

Adopted by Yeas: Lisa Cappabianca, Sumner Nichols, Namon McWilliams, Janet Anderson, Charley Augustine, Dale Roth, Frank Stefano, and Lou Bizzarro

Resolution 2009-45

Award Contract for HVAC

Frank Stefano moved and Janet Anderson seconded

Adopted by Yeas: Sumner Nichols, Namon McWilliams, Janet Anderson, Charley Augustine, Dale Roth, Frank Stefano, Lou Bizzarro, and Lisa Cappabianca

Resolution 2009-46

Approval of “land swap” with Smith Collision

Janet Anderson moved and Frank Stefano seconded

Adopted by Yeas: Sumner Nichols, Namon McWilliams, Janet Anderson, Charley Augustine, Dale Roth, Frank Stefano, Lou Bizzarro, and Lisa Cappabianca

Resolution 2009-47

Create the Ex-Officio Position of Erie Regional Airport Authority Board President Emeritus, and Bestow this Designation upon Mr. Louis J. Porreco

Namon McWilliams moved and Frank Stefano seconded

Adopted by Yeas: Sumner Nichols, Namon McWilliams, Janet Anderson, Charley Augustine, Dale Roth, Frank Stefano, Lou Bizzarro, and Lisa Cappabianca

Director’s Report

Chris Rodgers said that he understands the Board’s need for more time and information to review the 2010 general operations budget and amended employee pension plan. He added that staff worked very hard and put in many hours to prepare the budget and pension plan presented today.

Mr. Rodgers reported that all of the residents have been relocated. The remaining two businesses, Tri-Penn Tool and Modular Engineering are expected to be vacated by the end of the year. Demolition and tree removal continue.

Mr. Rodgers reported that subdivision and land development plans have been preliminarily approved by Millcreek Township. This approval is part of the necessary process to receive the permits we need for this project. The project team is on schedule for 95% submittal on December 10, 2009.

Mr. Rodgers reported that Oct 2009 was the fifth consecutive month of growth for ERI airlines. Total enplanements for the month were up 7.4% over Oct 2008. Year to date, our overall decline is now just -3.6%. Mr. Rodgers explained that if charter passengers are excluded from the year to date totals, then our scheduled airline traffic is just off -2.7%. Continental’s traffic increased 28.3% and US Air increased 14.4%.

Northwest/Delta holds the year to date market share lead with 47.8% of the total ERI market.

Mr. Rodgers explained that Board President Lou Porreco resigned his position on the Board effective November 18, 2009. His departure is 6 weeks earlier than the end of his term which was to be December 31 of this year. Last month both the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania and the Bureau of Aviation honored Lou Porreco for his years of service to the Erie Airport and his support of the aviation industry. Mr. Rodgers said that many people/organizations want to honor Lou Porreco for his 28 year of service. Mr. Rodgers said that he has already accepted several honors/letters on behalf of Mr. Porreco with several more expected. Mr. Rodgers read into the record the following honors received thus far: a commendation from City Council; a commendation from the Mayor's office; a letter from House representatives John Hornaman and Flo Fabrizio; a letter from Senator Jane Earll; and a letter from Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper. Mr. Rodgers closed by adding his appreciation. He thanked Mr. Porreco for his guidance and advice.

Public Comments

Jack Flanagan, 3253 West 13th Street, asked for a status update on Zone III. Tyrone Clark provided the update.

Board Member Comments

Dale Roth asked who prepared the RFB for the PC Air Project and at what price. Mr. Rodgers explained that Jacob's Consultancy did the work. Mr. Roth said that Jacob's Consultancy is a professional firm and should have known what they were doing. This issue surrounding a performance bond and the company that was initially awarded the contract for the PC Air units is causing a lot of problems for us.

Charley Augustine asked why a vote was called to approve the resolutions today but not to approve the minutes from last month and the bills to be paid. Sumner Nichols explained that it was an oversight. Moving forward a vote will be called to approve all meeting minutes, bills to be paid, and resolutions. Mr. Augustine stated in response to Mr. Nichols' opening comments that he doesn't think this Board should limit itself. The Board should act as one. City verses County shouldn't matter. The best person should be voted President of this Board.

Meeting adjourned: 1:40 PM

Lou Bizzarro, Secretary

