

Erie Regional Airport Authority
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday December 17, 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	Bill Patterson
Frank Stefano	Sheilah Bruno	Fiore Leone	Joe Ceresa
Lou Bizzarro	Mari Anne Clark	Pat Cappabianca	Don Boetger
Lisa Cappabianca	Ian Bogle	Jason Morell	Tyrone Clark
Dale Roth	Kim Scharrer	Tom Paris	Ed Kissell
Charley Augustine	Rick Robie	Tim Fitzgerald	Tim Hahn
Janet Anderson	Michelle Magee	Mark Horstman	
Namon McWilliams	Irene Seyler	Tim Marton	
Don Wright	Ron Cleaver	Bill Nichols	

Meeting opened: 1:00 PM

Vice President Sumner Nichols opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from:

Work Session-November 19, 2009

Regular Meeting-November 19, 2009

Frank Stefano moved and Janet Anderson 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

Dale Roth 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

Liaison Comments

County Council Liaison Whitey Cleaver stated that County Council completely supports the airport runway expansion project. He said that Council's position has not changed with the change in administration. Mr. Cleaver wished the Board and airport staff a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year. He added that he is very pleased to see the project move ahead 18 months (the accelerated schedule).

Financial Report

Sheilah Bruno reported a net surplus after debt service of \$6,187 for the month of November. Year to date for 2009, we have a net surplus of \$245,987. Our 2008 year to

date surplus was \$184,526. Ms. Bruno reported that we are favorable when compared to budget \$9,320 year to date.

Resolution 2009-48

Adoption of 2010 General Operations Fund Budget

Dale Roth moved and Namon McWilliams seconded

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

Nays: Sumner Nichols

Resolution 2009-49

Adoption of 2010 Capital Budget

Dale Roth 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 2009-50

Approval of Amended Employee Pension Plan

Namon McWilliams moved and Frank Stefano seconded

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

Resolution 2009-51

Authorization to Establish Committees

Dale Roth moved and Janet Anderson seconded

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

Resolution 2009-52

Authorize Executive Director to Send Letter to Dick Corp/dck north America, LLC to Hold Further Activities in Abeyance Under the Master Consulting Agreement for Construction Phase Services

Frank Stefano moved and Janet Anderson seconded

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

Director's Report

Chris Rodgers announced that the Runway Improvement Project is now moving to the Delta Option (the accelerated schedule). Mr. Rodgers thanked City and County Councils and our State and Federal delegation for their continued support. He added that the FAA's approval of our proposed schedule change (moving the rehab of the existing runway to the end of the project) and the BOA's advancement of capital budget money brought us to this point. Mr. Rodgers reported that the 95% design completion has been submitted. Everything is proceeding as expected to get us to the first bid package letting on May 1, 2010.

Mr. Rodgers reported that November 2009 enplanements were up 11.9% over November 2008. Total enplanements year to date are now down just 2.5%. Northwest/Delta continues to be the market share leader. Continental had the largest growth (36.5%) and a market share gain of 5.1 points. Mr. Rodgers reported that US Airways gained market share for the second consecutive month. Mr. Rodgers explained that severe winter weather in December will likely prevent additional traffic recovery.

Mr. Rodgers shared with the group 2 additional honors for Louis J. Porreco who retired from the ERAA Board effective November 18, 2009: a letter of recognition from Senator Casey and a citation from the County of Erie.

Mr. Rodgers thanked Bob Spaulding for his support and assistance with the ERAA/County partnership (this is the last ERAA Board Meeting that Bob Spaulding will be participating as County Director of Finance).

Mr. Rodgers presented Chief Ian Bogle with a plaque to acknowledge his 20 years of service and thanked him for his hard work and dedication. The Board shared Mr. Rodgers' sentiments.

Public Comments

Tom Paris, Airfield Operations and Union Representative, gave the Board a heartfelt thank you for approving the amended employee pension plan.

Ed Kissell, citizen, asked if 8 1/2" by 11" sized drawings be used on the website. He also added that a spreadsheet tracking runway project progress and associated costs would be very helpful and should be made public.

Board Member Comments

Charley Augustine reported that the December meeting with the County Finance Team went very well. The County seems satisfied. Mr. Augustine said that the County has been very impressed with our stakeholders meetings and the amount of information offered in those meetings.

Meeting adjourned: 1:18 PM

Lou Bizzarro, Secretary

