



Approved by Yeas: Marybeth Smialek, Aaron Susmarski, Richard Wagner, Daniel Giannelli, Andrea Zdaniewski, Patrick Cappabianca, David Hallman, Jr., and Brad Peganoff.

**Finance Report** James Pacansky reported the net deficit for the month of February was \$53,050. Year to date the net deficit is \$72,688. Compared to budget year to date we are \$51,958 unfavorable with revenue unfavorable to budget \$126,424 and expenses favorable to budget \$74,466.

There was no **Unfinished Business**.

### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution 2021-05 Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the Snow Removal Equipment Building Project**

Mr. Martin explained that this the second change order on this ongoing previously approved project. This change order is for the clean up and haul away of foundation debris in the 8” main waterline excavation and for custom PVC trim at the garage door heads. The cost is very minimal at a not to exceed of \$5,236.00.

Daniel Giannelli moved, and Patrick Cappabianca seconded. Approved by Yeas: Marybeth Smialek, Aaron Susmarski, Richard Wagner, Daniel Giannelli, Andrea Zdaniewski, Patrick Cappabianca, David Hallman, Jr., and Brad Peganoff.

#### **Resolution 2021-06 Award of Concrete Apron Rehabilitation and Expansion Bid**

Mr. Martin explained that the Board previously acceptance federal funds under CARES. There were several projects discussed with the FAA for funds usage and the project list includes apron and de-icing program work. Kirila is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Mr. Martin further explained that this is a safety issue for the airlines and the apron needs to be expanded. We have a strong cash position and additional federal money is expected under new COVID relief packages.

Ms. Zdaniewski stated that this project was discussed in length yesterday at the Finance Committee Meeting. She shared the following questions/concerns with the Board:

- Can we use CARES money for this project?
- Has the FAA authorized use of CARES money for this project?
- Why does this need done now? The CARES money is supposed to last for 4 years. We may need this money 2 years from now.

Mr. Martin reiterated that this is a safety issue for the airlines. He added that an expanded apron enhances the airport’s ability to move forward with growth. Mr. Martin firmly believes that this project needs to be done. Mr. Martin explained that CARES money can be used for this project and even though the funds are available for 4 years, we do not have to save it. We can use it for projects we see fit plus we do have our reserve money too. Ms. Zdaniewski asked Mr. Pacansky to share his thoughts on the matter. Mr. Pacansky explained that the reimbursements we get under CARES is our lifeline right now. We have \$7.3 million left from the \$18.5 million under CARES I. If we spend the \$6 million for the apron project, we will have \$1.3 million remaining. Mr. Pacansky explained that we expect \$1.4 million under CARES II. We will have \$2.7

million which will likely take us to the end of October. Mr. Pacansky explained that we expect \$2.6 million under CARES III which could likely take us through the summer of 2022. In response to a question from Ms. Smialek, Mr. Pacansky reported that CARES III funds are expected in a month or so. Ms. Smialek suggested waiting on the project until we see what and when we get CARES III. Mr. Martin stated that the bids will go stale, and we will have to rebid the project if we wait. In response to an inquiry from Ms. Zdaniewski, Mr. Martin said that we will have a better understanding of what may happen with Delta a year or so from now. Mr. Giannelli asked for the worst case scenario if we go through with the project. Mr. Martin explained that if we proceed with the project now then we will have less money from CARES to rely on for Operations and Maintenance reimbursements. He added that we have to run a business and will have to make a business decision on this one. Mr. Martin suggested, and Ms. Gornall confirmed that this resolution can be tabled until the Special Board Meeting on March 30, 2021.

Marybeth Smialek made a motion to table resolution 2021-06, and Daniel Giannelli seconded. Approved by Yeas: Aaron Susmarski, Richard Wagner, Daniel Giannelli, Andrea Zdaniewski, Patrick Cappabianca, David Hallman, Jr., Brad Peganoff, and Marybeth Smialek.

There was no **New Business**.

#### **Liaison Comments**

Erie County Council liaison Kim Clear and Erie City Council liaison Michael Keys were both in attendance via zoom.

#### **Board Member Comments**

Mr. Hallman stated that what Mr. Martin is proposing for the apron expansion does need to happen. He appreciates the concerns with the timing of the project, but feels as Mr. Martin does, it is necessary to move forward with this project.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Martin reported the following:

- The PennBrass building will be demolished. We are working with Tina Mengine to market the property.
- There is a lack of ground transportation in Erie, and it is directly affecting the Erie Airport. There is no taxi service and Uber and Lyft have very limited availability due to a driver shortage. Communication on the issue continues with the Mayor, the County Executive, and VisitErie.
- We have applied for earmarks money through Congressman Kelly's office. Mr. Peganoff will send Mr. Martin additional info on the request process.

Mr. Giannelli noted that Mr. Martin and Mr. Pacansky have a difference of opinion on the apron project. He encouraged them to work through it.

Patrick Cappabianca made a motion to adjourn and David Hallman, Jr. seconded. Approved by Yeas: Marybeth Smialek, Aaron Susmarski, Richard Wagner, Daniel

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**Adjournment: 12:51 PM**

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Marybeth Smialek, Secretary