

MINUTES of  
AIRPORT BOARD MEETING  
September 10, 2008  
Aurora Room, 7:00 p.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jerry Godkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present:

Laurie Berg	Jerry Godkin	Scott Watts
Gordon Evans	Butch Laughlin	Steve Zimmerman (via phone)

Staff/CBJ Present:

Dave Palmer, Airport Manager	John Coleman, Airport Business Mgr.
Jerry Mahle, Airport M&O Super't	Catherine Fritz, Airport Architect
Ted Anderson, Airport Planner	Paul Wescott, Airport Engineer

Public Present:

Connie DePute, General Aviation	Ella Rogers, Glacier Restaurant
Pete Carlson, AOPA	Kathy Seale, ADA
Dave Heimbigner, R&D Rentals	Ron Swanson, General Aviation

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Gordon Evans moved, Laurie Berg seconded, the adoption of the August 13, 2008, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *The agenda as presented was approved by unanimous consent.*

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Airport Manager's Report:**

1. Both MEBA bargaining units, the Airfield Maintenance and the Building Maintenance groups, have petitioned the City's Personnel Board for decertification. I expect no changes in the conduct of operations regardless of the outcome of the petition.

2. RSA Project (Attachment #1): The Runway Safety Area Project 60% review was done with the engineers and then with the FAA. Funding of approximately \$15 million is in place for construction. The engineers are scheduling the bidding to match the available money. The dredging and safety area

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fill work will be in the first bid. The following construction and funding cycle will include a bid for the rest of the project.

The FAA informed us not to expect all of the money needed to build the snow removal equipment building as soon as expected. Catherine is still working with the architects and has 50% design of the plans for the snow removal equipment building. The next effort will be to try to break it down into smaller, more affordable components. Ted is working with the FAA on the amount of funding available and the building will be designed to match those funds.

Today was the last day to submit comments to the Corps of Engineers. At 4:15 p.m., there were no comments submitted. Another package of data has been delivered to the Corps. The City permits are complete. The State permits are being written now – all issues have been addressed. The Corps was the final step. If no comments are received, no additional information should be needed.

One progress payment of \$500,000 to SEAL Trust was made last week. Therefore, some of the mitigation of \$5.6 million has been paid.

Another issue is relocation of the FAA RTR site, which is in the area where the snow removal equipment building will go. FAA has been asked to move the facility as the lease had expired (which lease stated that the FAA would move the facility and restore the area). They have refused to do it. The FAA Airport's staff had originally said there would be enough money within the AIP project, so it was going to be included. Now, there is not as much AIP as expected, so the Airport's projects will be done first. From a 1998/1999 study, it was noted that there is contaminated soil on the site. Because of those issues, the City attorney has been asked to push the FAA to comply with their lease.

3. Terminal Expansion and Airfield Snow Removal Equipment Facility Update (Attachment #2): Catherine Fritz took the Board on a three-dimensional tour of the planned terminal renovation. She noted that Alaska Airlines and the restaurant have been involved in the design. The concrete work on the airfield side has begun. The windows and the metal panels will probably not be done by November 1 due to manufacturing delays. Concrete pours have been delayed due to bad weather but will hopefully occur soon. The asphalt and roof work have been completed. The bids for the next phase will be advertised on December 18. It is planned to forward fund City Sales tax for the project.

4. Airport Project Status (Attachment #3)

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5. Airfield maintenance has been hauling sand and getting ready for winter operations.

X. **ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS:** None. Chair Godkin noted that e-mails have been sent and received regarding the Assembly Liaison's attendance at Airport Board meetings.

XI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A. Pete Carlson noted that the AOPA President Phil Boyer will hold a town meeting at Centennial Hall on October 1, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

B. Kathy Seale suggested terminal renovations.

XII. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Laurie Berg asked if there would be any more extra restrictions at the airport if Governor Palin comes to town? It was noted that she will probably be traveling in her own aircraft and not use the terminal.

XIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

XIV. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

A. The Airport Board orientation meeting will occur between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2008, in the Aurora Room.

B. The next regular Airport Board meeting will be held on October 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aurora Room.

XV. **AIRPORT MANAGER'S EVALUATION:** Vice Chair Gordon Evans asked the Airport Manager if he wished to have his evaluation in a public session or executive session. Mr. Palmer asked to have the evaluation in an executive session. Gordon Evans moved, Steve Zimmerman seconded, to go into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the Airport Manager's evaluation under AS 44.62.310(c)(1)(b). The Board went into an executive session at 8:00 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:28 p.m.

XVI. **ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:28 p.m.