

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

August 14, 2013

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Gill, Chairman, Woody Gilliland, Vice Chairman, Michael Redden, Joe Crowder, Cindy Haley, David Lynn, Gray Bridwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacque McCoy, Kirk Thaxton, Stan Egger, Myrna Grigsby

AIRPORT STAFF: Don Green, Chris Taylor, Alex Cargile, Kate Alvarez

CITY EMPLOYEES: Richard Burdine, Assistant City Manager

VISITORS: Tiffany Walden, Eric Shelton, Abilene Reporter News, Brendaliss Gonzalez, KTAB

1. Call to order

Mr. Gill called the Airport Development Board meeting to order at 3:36 pm.

2. Introduce visitors

3. Consideration and Action approving minutes of the June 2013 meetings

Mr. Gill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June 2013 meeting. Hearing none, the June 2013 meeting minutes stood approved as distributed.

4. Economic Development Report

Mr. Burdine did not have any updates to report.

5. Finance and Operations Sub Committee Report

Mr. Lynn presented the Finance and Operations report. The FY14 budget will be similar to the FY13 budget. The terminal parking revenue is very good so far. Revenue is expected to be approximately \$1.6 million with expenses at approximately \$4 million. Abilene's parking rates are comparable to Lubbock and Midland's parking rates. At the request of Mr. Gill the FY14 budget is attached to the minutes.

6. Economic Development and Public Relations Sub Committee report

Mr. Crowder presented the Economic Development and Public Relations report.

7. Airport Management Report:

a. AMR Bankruptcy/Merger

The Department of Justice has filed suit to block the merger with American Airlines and US Airways citing lack of competition. American has stated that they were working with the DOJ for weeks before this announcement. American and EASI will continue to operate until this issue is worked out. It no longer appears that the merger will happen in the 3rd quarter of 2013.

b. Review and Acknowledgement of Statistical Reports

American Eagle revenue enplanements were up 19% over July, 2012. The airport isn't sure why there was such an increase, but fares have been very competitive over the last few months. It's possible this has added to enplanements.

c. Regulatory and Legislative Issues Update

The airport is hopeful that the FAA will give word about the FY13 AIP Grants. The TSA is looking to stop monitoring exit lanes at checkpoints. With the exit lane so close to the entry lane the airport is hoping to avoid this change and continue monitoring the exit lane.

The FAA is performing the annual inspection the week of August 14th.

d. TRACON Consolidation

There are no updates on the TRACON consolidation.

e. Update on Current Projects:

Parking Lot Repair – The soil borings were completed by Enprotec Hibbs & Todd. Many of the panels and curbs have failed and will be repaired. The bid should go out in the next few months.

Tower Demolition – Scheduled to be torn down in 2013.

Projects in design – Taxiway M, N, P design is complete. Runway 17L/35R Reconstruction is scheduled to be bid in spring of 2014.

f. Discuss Board Retreat

The suggested date is September 11th concluding by 5:00. The proposed venue is Mr. Reddens office conference room. This strategy session will aid in planning for the airport's future.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Govt. Code Section 551.072, a governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. Additionally, Section 551.087 allows a governmental body to discuss or deliberate on commercial or financial information that has been received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which there may be ongoing negotiations or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. Further, Section 551.071 provides that a governmental body may seek advice from its attorney regarding a pending or contemplated litigation subject, settlement offer, or attorney-client privileged information. After discussion in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

No Executive Session was held during this meeting.

8. Consideration and Action to recommend accepting AIP Grant 43.

This action will be to accept AIP Grant 43 in advance. This preauthorizes accepting up to \$8.5 million. This includes the discretionary and entitlement grant. This action is done in advance to ensure quick acceptance of FAA funds. This will fund Taxiway M, N, P Reconstruction and design of Runway 17L/35R Reconstruction. The remainder will fund a vacuum sweeper truck.

In the past, the FAA has given short notice to accept a Grant, or risk losing it. This will ensure that the risk is reduced and no last second meetings will need to take place.

Motion to accept recommendation made by Mr. Crowder, seconded by Mr. Redden. Motion approved.

9. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 4:11 pm made by Ms. Haley. Seconded by Mr. Crowder. Motion passed.

Signature of Chairman to confirm minutes: _____ Date: _____