

REGULAR MEETING
GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
January 9, 2015

The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority ("Authority") met on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Authority's Administrative Offices, Asheville Regional Airport ("Airport"), 61 Terminal Drive, Suite 1, Asheville, NC 28732.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert C. Roberts, Chair; Jeffrey A. Piccirillo; Andrew T. Tate; K. Ray Bailey; and William L. Moyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Cindy Rice, Authority Legal Counsel; Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director; Michael Reisman, Deputy Executive Director of Development and Operations; Kevan Smith, Chief of Public Safety; David Nantz, Director of Operations; Tina Kinsey, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Royce Holden, IT Director; Janet Burnette, Director of Finance and Accounting; and Ellen Heywood, Clerk to the Board

ALSO PRESENT: Nancy Marstall, WNC Pilots Association; Mike Darcangelo, Avcon, Inc.; Steve Cottle; Stevens Transportation; Eva Ritchey, The Trolley Company; Jason Walls, Duke Energy; Scott Sewell, Charah; Charles Price, Charah; Steadman Sugg, Duke Energy; Nicole Manke, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc.; Joseph Canton, Asheville Airport Connect; Marc Hunt, City of Asheville; Mike Cronin, Asheville Citizen-Times; Bill Modlin, Mercury Transportation

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Director informed the Board that the financial reports for both October and November were included in the agenda package but that only the November report would be reviewed. The Director reported on the airport activity for November which included enplanements, aircraft operations and general aviation activity. Mrs. Burnette reported on the financial activity for the month of November.

CONSENT ITEMS: The Chair remarked that Consent Item B, Approval of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority December 12, 2014 Closed Session Minutes would be reviewed in closed session.

The Director informed the Board that it had recently come to his attention that it would be necessary that he attend a meeting with Allegiant in May and this was the reason for the change of the May Board meeting to May 15th.

A. Approval of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority December 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes:

C. Approval of Revised Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority Board 2015 Schedule:

Mr. Tate moved to approve Consent Items A and C. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval to Unseal Closed Session Minutes: The Director reminded the Board that a policy was approved by the Board in 2011 to review closed session minutes each year for possible unsealing. The Director advised the Board that there were two sets of minutes that are of a business matter that have come to fruition and are no longer of a confidential nature.

Mr. Bailey moved to unseal those portions of Closed Session minutes as designated and recommended by the Executive Director. Mr. Piccirillo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director advised the Board that the Buncombe County Commissioners have appointed Matthew Burrell to the Board. The County Commissioners also appointed K. Ray Bailey to the Asheville Regional Airport Authority.

The Chair reported that a resignation letter had been received from Douglas Tate due to his relocation to South Carolina. The Chair has reached out to the City of Asheville for a new appointment to be made.

A. Update on Retaining Wall: The Director informed the Board that the process for the retaining wall along Ferncliff Park Drive began earlier in 2014. All necessary documents were filed with Buncombe County to obtain a variance for the wall due to its height and the way it was to be constructed (vertically straight vs. terraced), and also a

permit for building the wall in a floodplain area. While the wall was being built, temporary storm drains were put in place until something permanent could be constructed behind the wall once the wall was completed. Heavy rainfall on December 23rd resulted in blockage of some of the temporary drainage systems. Water encroached behind the wall causing erosion and collapse of parts of the north and south ends of the wall on December 24th. The wall, designed by civil engineers, has a sound design and the specifications were incorporated into the bid documents for a contractor to build. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) had made several inspections and found the site, up to that point, in compliance with storm water regulations. The Director called the Board's attention to a copy of a letter from Tensar International, the subcontractor for Thalle Construction, which outlined the repair procedures for the wall over the next few months. The Director reported that the contractor has been taking some panels down and stabilizing the wall until the building permit from Buncombe County is obtained. When the wall failed, two drainage pipes that take water under Ferncliff Park Drive to retention ponds became clogged with silt. Those have since been unclogged and some additional temporary slope drains have been installed to catch rain that cascades over that area to carry it to the retention ponds. DENR visited the site shortly after the failure and issued a violation for silt deposits on the west side of Ferncliff Park Drive. A wetland restoration plan is being put together and will be submitted to DENR. The additional storm water drains that are temporary are being closely monitored. Permanent storm water controls will keep this from happening again, but the contractor needs to wait until the wall is finished before this can take place. This was an unforeseen event that the contractor and staff addressed quickly and transparently.

Mr. Moyer questioned when the repairs were expected to be completed. The Director responded that it was expected to take 6 to 8 weeks from the end of January.

Mr. Bailey asked if a permit for the repairs was required. The Director stated that the airport has the variance and the permit to build in the floodplain. The contractor failed to get a construction permit to build the wall, so the contractor has applied to the County for the permit. The County has put a stop to any type of restoration other than stabilizing the wall until the permits are in hand.

The Chair inquired if the measures that have been taken to repair the wall to this point were adequate to withstand another major rain storm. The Director responded that the unstable wall panels were removed and the additional temporary measures the contractor has installed has withstood the heavy rainfall that has fallen recently.

INFORMATION SECTION: No comments

CLOSED SESSION: At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Piccirillo moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to Subsections 143-318.11(a)(3) and (4) of the General Statutes of North Carolina to Consult with Legal Counsel in Order to Preserve the Attorney-Client Privilege and to Discuss Matters Relating to the Location and/or Expansion of Industries or Other Businesses in the Area Served by the Authority, Including Agreement on a Tentative List of Economic Development Incentives that may be Offered by the Authority in Negotiations. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Director left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Open Session resumed at 10:07 a.m.

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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Mr. Piccirillo moved to seal the minutes for the Closed Session just completed and to withhold such Closed Session minutes from public inspection so long as public inspection would frustrate the purpose or purposes thereof. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Mr. Piccirillo moved to approve the minutes for the December 12, 2014 Closed Session and to seal and withhold such minutes from public inspection so long as public inspection would frustrate the purpose or purposes thereof. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS REPORTS:

A. 2015 Goals: The Chair stated that since there are new Board Members it would be beneficial to have a Board strategic planning session in the spring. Goals can be discussed at that time.

The Chair advised the Board that Mr. Jason Walls from Duke Energy was available to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the coal ash project. Mr. Tate and Mr. Moyer requested the opportunity to review the original agreement between the Authority and Charah for the fill project since none of the current Board Members were seated on the Board when the original agreement was approved. The Chair requested Mr. Walls give a general update on the overall project.

Mr. Walls informed the Board that the fill project has been ongoing since 2008 and introduced Mr. Charles Price, CEO and President of Charah, and Scott Sewell, Vice President of Operations for Charah. Mr. Walls stated that the current phase is on target

to be completed in the middle of 2015 and this will provide a significant area of development for the airport. Mr. Walls further stated that during their last session, the General Assembly passed regulations around coal ash and Duke Energy continues to look for ways to safely reuse the coal ash. Duke Energy continues to be grateful for the partnership with the airport.

Mr. Moyer inquired if the requirements for the method of storing coal ash has changed since the project began in 2008. Mr. Price responded that there have not been any changes, and that the standards that were in place in 2008 continue in place at the current time. Michael Reisman stated that Charah has gone above and beyond what the EPA currently requires. Mr. Walls commented that at the December 2014 Board meeting, the Board gave approval to move forward with the Area 2 fill project provided the EPA did not rule the coal ash to be hazardous waste. Mr. Walls informed the Board that the EPA did give their ruling, and coal ash maintains a non-hazardous classification.

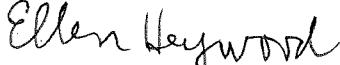
PUBLIC AND TENANTS' COMMENTS: Ms. Eva Ritchey thanked the Board for their continued interest in the ground transportation issue and stated that a letter from the North Carolina Limousine Association would be sent to the Board Members the following week.

Mr. Steve Cottle thanked the Board for continuing the discussion on the ground transportation issues and stated that he looked forward to discussing these issues further at the February Board Meeting.


CALL FOR NEXT MEETING: The Chair stated that the regular meeting will be held on February 13, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Moyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Ellen Heywood
Clerk to the Board

Approved:


Robert C. Roberts
Chair