

GAINESVILLE-ALACHUA COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
Thursday, February 23, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.
Gainesville Regional Airport
Passenger Terminal – Lounge Area
Monthly Meeting
Highlights

Call to Order by the Chair

Chair Jim Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Invocation: Chair Stringfellow delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Stringfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Authority Members Present at Roll Call: Joe Dunlap, Peter Johnson, Mac McEachern, Jim Stringfellow, Colette Taylor, and Marilyn Tubb were present. Billy Brashear and Kinnon Thomas were absent. Jon Morris arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Ex-officio member Brent Christensen was present.

Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present at roll call.

Others Present: City of Gainesville liaison Erik A. Bredfeldt was present.

Approval of Meeting Highlights for January 26, 2006

Mr. Johnson moved approval of the meeting highlights for January 26, 2006. Dr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Hicks requested that the highlights clarify whether the Attorney for the Authority determined if a public employee may receive a bonus. (*Note: The January 26, 2006 highlights as presented did include such a notation.*)

Mr. McEachern, who brought up the legality of paying a public employee a bonus at the last meeting, stated that he had researched the issue and agreed that payment of the bonus is appropriate.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mrs. Tubb moved approval of the agenda. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Citizens' Input - None

Airport Authority Input – Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Stringfellow stated that the process of working on the codification language with the City is proceeding and he indicated that he is optimistic that the process will continue in a positive manner.

Consent Agenda - None

Airport Business:

Information Items

Mr. Crider reported that Ms. Suzanne Schiemann, Manager Communications & Human Resources, has recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources. The certification is awarded by the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI).

Mr. Crider reported that Delta Connection will change the departure time from Atlanta on the last flight from Atlanta to Gainesville. Starting May 1, the last flight will depart Atlanta approximately one hour later thus allowing for more connecting flights to Gainesville.

Mr. Crider reported that US Airways is adding flights and larger aircraft in March for Gatormationals.

Mr. Crider reported that DayJet's Vice President of Governmental Affairs gave a presentation describing the methodology for selecting locations to operate DayJet facilities to the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Board on February 23. Mr. Crider encouraged the Board to visit www.dayjet.com and subscribe for delivery of DayJet's press releases via e-mail.

Mrs. Tubb recommended supporting DayJet by sending an e-mail to the Airport's contact list.

Captain Bill Pokorny, USN, incoming General Manager of University Air Center (UAC), stated that it was unfair of the Board to support DayJet, UAC's competitor in the charter market, without also promoting UAC.

Mr. Crider reported that he has had discussions with UAC owner, Dr. Lukowski, regarding the opportunities for UAC to support the DayJet business, and will make sure UAC has a link to the Airport's website.

Dr. Lukowski acknowledged that there may be opportunities for UAC to increase fuel sales and cooperate with DayJet to their mutual benefit but he stated that UAC looks forward to a level playing field at GNV.

Mr. Stringfellow invited UAC to provide promotional material for distribution at the Airport's booth at the 2006 Home Show in early March.

Mr. Crider reported that the Airport has an action item going before the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) on March 9. He stated that the Airport is requesting that the MTPO include the new airport access road in its transportation plan.

Mr. Crider reported that on March 13, the City Commission will consider the Airport's request for the placement of a conservation easement on a portion of the Gum Root Park, to mitigate outstanding issues with the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Mr. Crider reported that the Automated Flight Service Station is scheduled to close on July 23, 2007.

Mr. Crider reported that field work on the FY2005 Audit is complete and that Purvis Gray & Company will present the audit report to the Board on March 9. Audit information was presented to the Finance & Operations Committee on February 9.

Mr. Crider reported that the Airport has entered into a short-term agreement with the Gainesville Fine Arts Association to implement a new Art in the Airport program.

Mr. Crider reviewed the Air Traffic Volume Report and Commercial Passenger Load Factor Report. Mr. Crider reported that Continental Connection is considering proposals from contractors to operate its GNV station; currently this task is done by Pinnacle Airlines d.b.a. Northwest Airlink which will discontinue air service in May.

Finance Report

Mr. Crocker reported the following results for January 31, 2006.

| Revenue | Jan. Year-to-Date Actual (4 mo.) | Jan. Year-to-Date Budget (4 mo.) | Variance Over / (Under) |
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| Total Operating Revenue | \$1,430,831.47 | \$1,342,458.01 | \$88,373.46 |
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| Expenses | Jan. Year-to-Date Actual | Jan. Year-to-Date Budget | Over / (Under) |
| Total Expenses | \$1,045,860.98 | \$1,122,442.50 | (\$76,581.52) |
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| Income (Loss) Before Depreciation | \$384,970.49 | \$220,015.51 | \$164,954.98 |

Mr. Crocker provided explanations for the revenue and expense items having large variances to budget.

Codification Language – Update

Mr. Crider reported that he met with City Manager Russ Blackburn, Erik Bredfeldt, and City Attorney Marion Radson regarding the Codification Language on February 22. He stated that Donald Stanley, Attorney for the Authority, participated via phone. Mr. Crider stated that Mr. Stanley’s office is reviewing the latest draft received from the City Attorney’s office on the afternoon of February 22, following the meeting. Mr. Crider reported that the following policy issues require further refinement:

- ➔ Board member term;
- ➔ Board appointments from contiguous counties;
- ➔ Airport map – clarify airport property.

Mr. Crider stated that he and Mr. Stanley are committed to working with the City to provide a draft for the GACRAA Board to consider.

Mr. McEachern noted that he was not consulted regarding the Codification Language.

Chair Stringfellow stated that he was dismayed to hear citizens Harold Saive and Eleanor Pratt complain to the City Commission regarding their perception that the Authority has not been supportive of General Aviation patrons. Mr. Stringfellow reported that he replied to the Mayor and explained that the Authority has approved the construction of a row of T-Hangars, including an aviation meeting room, and an aircraft wash-rack for GA patrons.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Joint Participation Agreement # 21675029401 – Steel Canopy for Maintenance Equipment Storage - Resolution 06-017

Mr. Crider reported that FDOT JPA # 21675029401 will provide matching funds of up to \$27,778.00 for the purchase and erection of a 30’ X 100’ steel canopy to be used for maintenance and equipment storage by the airport. Mr. Crider recommended acceptance of the FDOT grant. The maintenance canopy will be located east of the Air Traffic Control Tower.

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 06-017 accepting a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) from the Florida Department of Transportation, authorizing execution by the appropriate officials on behalf of the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority. Mrs. Tubb seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Dr. Taylor – aye, Mrs. Tubb – aye, Mr. Dunlap – aye, Mr. Johnson – aye, Mr. McEachern – aye, Dr. Morris – aye, and Mr. Stringfellow – aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Tenant Reports

Dr. Lukowski reported that fuel sales are increasing and that the charter business is doing well. He stated that he hopes to strengthen the ongoing flight school initiative in cooperation with Santa Fe Community College.

Other:

Chair Stringfellow noted that the Eclipse Aviation project has the potential of creating 160 jobs with many in the \$50,000.00 range. Also, he reported that DayJet, if it establishes a DayBase and a maintenance operations center at GNV, could provide up to 120 new jobs. He indicated that Tallahassee Regional Airport is also being considered as a DayJet pilot training site.

Mrs. Tubb reported that Eclipse Aviation Corporation won the 2005 Robert J. Collier Trophy “for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America”. The 95 year-old trophy, aviation’s most prestigious award, will be presented to the company “for leadership, innovation and the advancement of general aviation” in the production of very light jets, specifically, the Eclipse 500.

Mr. John Barber, citizen, recommended that the Board inform the public that SkyWest Airlines now owns Atlantic Southeast Airlines and offers good connections westbound.

Mr. Crider recommended that the Board schedule its next monthly meeting on March 9, a date previously identified for a Special Called Meeting, and forego meeting on March 23.

Airport Authority Attendance

No issues to report at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:59 p.m.

GACRAA Monthly Meeting

Chair

Date

Secretary/Treasurer

Date