

**GAINESVILLE-ALACHUA COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**Thursday, April 26, 2007 –5:00 p.m.**

**Gainesville Regional Airport**

**Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce– Board Room**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Highlights**

**Call to Order by the Chair**

Chair Peter L. Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Invocation:** Mr. Jim Stringfellow delivered the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-chair Kinnon Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Authority Members Present at Roll Call:** Billy Brashear, William Breeze, Joe Dunlap, Mark Goldstein, Pete Johnson, Mac McEachern, Jim Stringfellow, Kinnon Thomas, and Marilyn Tubb were present.

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

**Approval of Meeting Highlights for March 22, 2007**

*Dr. Brashear moved approval of the meeting highlights for March 22, 2007. Mr. Goldstein seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr. Garrick Crocker stated that a revised listing fixed asset item proposed to be liquidated was distributed to the Board at the beginning of the meeting.

*Mr. Goldstein moved approval of the amended list of fixed asset items. Mrs. Tubb seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*Mr. Thomas moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Stringfellow seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

With the adoption of the agenda, the Board approved the following items that were included in the Consent Agenda:

- 2008 Hoggetowne Medieval Fair Site Contract
- Fixed Asset Liquidation

**Citizens' Input – Non-agenda Items – None**

Dr. Jim Gallagher, Chairman of the 2007 Heart of Florida Airshow, presented a memorial award to the family of Eilon Krugman-Kadi. Dr. Gallagher reported that Mr. Krugman-Kadi was scheduled to perform in the Heart of Florida airshow. The memorial award was accepted by Shane Krugman-Kadi.

**Heart of Florida Airshow Update**

Dr. Gallagher reported that between 7,000 and 8,000 patrons attended the two-day airshow. He stated that it is unlikely that the airshow will be profitable. He indicated that poor weather on the morning of April

15 contributed to the low turnout. He reported that three of the scheduled acts were unable to perform on April 15 due to windy conditions.

Mr. Mark Stark, representing Florida Credit Union, the presenting sponsor of the airshow, stated that it was an honor to be a sponsor of the event and indicated that he looked forward to seeing the airshow growing into a larger event in years to come.

Mr. Penksa thanked Dr. Gallagher for his hard work and reported that the show was top notch.

**Airport Authority Input – Non-agenda Items - None**

**Airport Business:**

**Acceptance of Amendment # 2 to FAA AIP Grant 3-12-0028-22-2005 – Resolution 07-016**

Mr. Penksa reported that the FAA has granted a request to revise the scope of work for the Terminal Renovation – Phase 2. The grant has been restructured to expand the project areas that will be funded by the grant.

Mr. Penksa recommended adoption of Resolution 07-016.

*Mrs. Tubb moved to adopt Resolution 07-016 authorizing acceptance of Amendment # 2 to FAA AIP Grant # 3-12-0028-22-2005. Mr. Goldstein seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Mr. Dunlap – aye, Mr. Goldstein – aye, Mr. McEachern – aye, Mr. Stringfellow – aye, Mr. Thomas – aye, Mrs. Tubb – aye, Dr. Brashear – aye, Mr. Breeze – aye and Mr. Johnson – aye. Motion passed 9-0.*

**Information Items**

Mr. Penksa reported that a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the Eclipse Aviation facility. He reported that approximately ten (10) people have been hired by Eclipse Aviation. Mr. Penksa reported that the contractor is working on punch list items. He stated that a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled in June after Eclipse has had an opportunity to outfit the building.

Mr. Jeff Kyser, R.W. Armstrong & Associates, Inc., reported that the site work for the two new T-Hangar rows has been completed and that the contractor is awaiting a building permit to proceed further with the project.

Ms. Noffsinger reported that of the twenty-six (26) new T-Hangars to be built, all but four (4) are reserved. She stated that Row K sold out in five (5) days and she predicted that all of the units would be reserved by the end of May. She reported that seventeen (17) tenants are new to Gainesville Regional Airport and several are from out-of-state.

Mr. Penksa reported that the County Commissioners were not receptive to a request for providing county funds to help pay for the new access road. He stated that staff will continue to review other options.

Mr. Penksa reported that DayJet is planning to schedule a kick-off event and that it may possibly be scheduled to coincide with the Eclipse Aviation facility ribbon-cutting.

Mr. Steve Harrill, Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc., reported that the contractor has paid for the building permit for the Terminal Renovation – Phase 2 project and that he anticipates receipt of the permit within the coming weeks.

Mr. Penksa reported that R.D. Air Services has hired a consultant to review the site plan for the corporate hangar site. He stated that R.D. Air Services presented a site plan for two (2) 12,000 sq. ft. hangars and one (1) 3,600 sq. ft. hangar. He noted that the Board would have an opportunity to provide comments on the site plan after the City has had its review of the plan.

Mr. Penksa reported that Mr. McEachern gave a presentation to the City Commission regarding the benefits of using LED lights on Taxiway A.

Mr. McEachern stated that the LED lights will provide a savings in electricity consumption and maintenance costs.

Mr. Penksa reported that the FAA Airways Facilities team is considering a move into the AFSS building that will be vacated in July.

Mr. McEachern suggested converting the Airways Facilities building to a restaurant.

Mr. Penksa reported that the Airport Master Plan Update is available on CD. He stated that it may be necessary to approach the City Commission about adopting the Airport Master Plan Update.

Mr. Penksa reported that staff has met with the North Central Florida Sportsman Association to discuss details regarding the lease and their proposed site plan for the gun firing range.

Mr. Penksa reported that the new ARFF vehicle was received about six (6) months ahead of schedule. He stated that FAA and FDOT representatives will visit to inspect the vehicle next week. He stated that the new truck is taller and wider than the previous truck and modifications to the ARFF station doors and exhaust system will be needed to accommodate the new truck.

Mr. Penksa reported that the developer of the Hatchet Creek Development has received notification from the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs that the development will not be required to undergo a DRI process. He stated that staff has expressed the Board's concern regarding the inconsistencies of the development with the City's and County's comprehensive plans. He indicated that staff will continue to educate local officials about this incompatible land use issue.

*At this point in the meeting, the electrical power was lost in downtown Gainesville and the meeting was suspended for approximately fifteen (15) minutes until power was restored.*

Mr. Penksa stated that the FAA has indicated that the City of Gainesville, as a co-sponsor of FAA AIP grants, needs to uphold compatible land use zoning.

Mr. Goldstein informed the Board that the City Plan Board can make its recommendations available for inspection by interested parties. He stated that the City Plan Board's documents are public records.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding strategies for continuing efforts to oppose residential development within the Airport noise zone.

### **Air Traffic Volume Statistics**

Mr. Penksa asked if any members had any questions regarding the air traffic volume statistics.

Mr. Stringfellow expressed concern regarding the switch by Delta Connection from jet aircraft to turboprops.

Mr. Penksa advised that he has been informed that jets will be back in the schedule possibly in August. He stated that he plans to meet with Delta Connection at the JumpStart® conference in June.

Mr. Penksa reported that a gambling charter will operate on May 3 and return to Gainesville on May 5. He stated that he and Ms. Danisovszky will investigate other charter opportunities.

### **Finance Report**

Mr. Crocker reviewed the Finance Report for the period ending March 31, 2007. He reported that Eclipse Aviation was billed for the annual rent of the new maintenance facility in March and that payment is anticipated in April.

### **Communications Tower Design Change**

Mr. Penksa introduced Mr. Dave Boeff, Towercom East Coast, L.L.C. Towercom was awarded a contract to install a consolidated communications tower, of stealth design disguised as a flagpole, on airport property in 2005. Mr. Penksa reported that Airport staff has been working with the City to add new permitted land uses within the Airport Facility District and that the wireless communications facility is now permitted.

Mr. Boeff reported that the City planning staff has recommended installation of a unipole rather than a flagpole design.

***Mr. Thomas moved approval to install a unipole in lieu of a flagpole. Mr. Breeze seconded the motion.***

Mr. Goldstein stated that he preferred installing a flagpole and questioned why the City would have an issue with flying the flag.

A discussion followed regarding the issue; it was determined that the unipole could be equipped with the hardware and lighting required for flying a flag.

***Mr. Thomas amended his motion to install a “flag-ready” unipole. Mr. Breeze agreed with the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.***

### **Employment as Chief Executive Office – Allan J. Penksa**

Mr. Johnson stated that he recommended adding consideration of this matter to the agenda. He recommended offering the position of Chief Executive Office to Allan J. Penksa.

***Mr. Stringfellow moved to offer the position of Chief Executive Officer to Allan J. Penksa and to negotiate and present an Employment contract to the Board for consideration at its next meeting. Mr. McEachern seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. McEachern and Mr. Goldstein both expressed their support of Mr. Penksa's performance as Acting Chief Executive Officer.

**2006 Goals and Evaluation and Bonus Determination for Richard Crider**

Mr. Johnson stated that the Board members evaluation sheets would be collected and read into the record.

Mr. Morris, Attorney for the Authority stated that each member should affirm the weighted score given in evaluation of Mr. Crider's performance.

Mr. McEachern opposed bringing the evaluation and bonus matter forward for consideration a second time. He stated that he intended to give a weighted score of zero to minimize the possibility of awarding a bonus.

Mr. Dunlap stated that the Board has previously voted to approve the contract with Mr. Crider and that the bonus evaluation was a provision of the contract.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the employment contract with Mr. Crider and whether to consider awarding a bonus.

Following the discussion, with the majority in favor of tabulating the evaluation results, the Board members passed their evaluation sheets to Ms. Schiemann to be read into the record:

<b>GACRAA Member</b>	<b>Weighted Score</b>
Billy Brashear	0.500
Jim Stringfellow	1.000
Joe Dunlap	0.910
Marilyn Tubb	1.000
Peter L. Johnson	0.750
Mark Goldstein	0.000
William Breeze	0.500
Kinnon Thomas	0.800
Mac McEachern	<u>0.000</u>
	5.460
Average Weighted Score equals	0.607
Maximum Bonus per Contract	\$20,250.00
Bonus Achieved equals	\$12,285.00

Mr. Stringfellow moved to award a bonus of \$12,285.00. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion.

Mr. Morris, Attorney for the Authority, stated that a motion is not required; the bonus award is self-operative by virtue of the contract.

**Airport Authority Attendance**

No issues to report at this time.

**Tenant Report**

Mr. Bill Pokorny, University Air Center General Manager, reported that a hotdog vendor is now operating at the UAC facility. He commended all airshow planners and airport tenants for supporting the airshow.

Mr. Scott Branham, R.D. Air Services, stated that a site plan should be ready by the next meeting.

**Airport Authority Comments**

Mr. McEachern noted that the hotdog vendor at UAC is a much appreciated by general aviation patrons.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:14 p.m.

**GACRAA Monthly Meeting**

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Chair

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