

JOLIET REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
General Board Meeting
MINUTES
February 25, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman James O'Connell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The Secretary called the roll at the direction of the Chair.

PRESENT: Don Walden
Steve Bixenmann
Robert Schwartz
Ronald Kevish 4:08 p.m.
David Silverman
James O'Connell

ABSENT: Dan Vera
George Michas
Frank Turk

GUESTS: John Gallo, Legal Counsel
Ken Carlson, Legal Counsel
Ron Hudson, Engineer
Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation
Patricia Neale, Secretary/Treasurer

QUORUM: The Vice-Chairman declared a quorum present and the Board was in session to officially conduct business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Robert Schwartz to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2009, meeting of the Joliet Regional Port District. Second by Steve Bixenmann. Resolution R2009-0004 passed. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent

FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION by David Silverman to approve the unaudited Financial Statements of the Joliet Regional Port District and Lewis University Airport dated January 31, 2009. Seconded by Don Walden. Resolution R2009-0005 passed. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent.

BILLS AGAINST THE DISTRICT: None presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUESTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

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CHRIS LAWSON, DIRECTOR OF AVIATION: 1) Chris handed out information concerning the Lewis University Flight Department hosing the Region VIII SAFECON this fall. (See Exhibit A) Chris recommended Board approval but with a Letter of Agreement requiring a Control Tower. Cost to the University for the control tower may be an issue. This requires no current action by the Board.

MOTION by David Silverman to authorize the Director of Aviation to proceed with the Lewis University Flight Department's request to hold the Region VIII SAFECON at the airport subject to a Letter of Agreement concerning the need for a Control Tower. Second by Robert Schwartz. Resolution 2009-0006 passed. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent.

2) Chris requested the Board's approval to submit an application to participate in the CMS Surplus Property Program. He passed around a picture of a piece of equipment he would like to acquire for the airport. The equipment is in working condition and would be used for deicing aircraft.

MOTION by Don Walden to authorize the filing of an application by Chris Lawson on behalf of the Joliet Regional Port District to participate in the CMS - Surplus Property Program. Second by Steve Bixenmann. Resolution 2009-0007 passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

MOTION by Ron Kevish to authorize the Director of Aviation To purchase the Deicing Equipment at a not-to-exceed acquisition Cost of \$19,000. Second by David Silverman. Resolution 2009-0008 Passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

3) Chris Lawson advised the Board that LaFarge is looking to enter into an Agreement with the Port District to supply fill to the airport. Chris Lawson and Ron Hudson are negotiating and will report back to the Board.

4) Romeoville wants to get involved in the EAA Pancake Breakfast at the airport. Steve Gulden, Romeoville Parks Director would like to have things for children - possibly giving rides to kids. They will try to get the Warbirds out here. Could be good year this year.

5) On a negative note the airport was under Temporary Flight Restrictions when President Obama came to Chicago. It was hauntingly quiet during that time. Chris is working to secure a waiver and has contacted the FAA but needs to go through the Secret Service. The projection is that this may occur ever 6 weeks or so. The effect of this TFR could even cripple the flight school.

Dave Silverman requested Chris send him a listing of the 3 years goals that were presented to the Board at the last meeting via a slide show.

RON HUDSON, ENGINEERING REPORT:

See written report (Exhibit "B") as submitted. Ron Hudson reviewed items that had changes since the prior meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE/LEGAL:

MOTION by Ron Kevish to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition and Pending Litigation. Second by Steve Bixenmann. Resolution 2009-0009 passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

MOTION by Robert Schwartz to adjourn Executive Session. Second by Don Walden. Resolution 2009-0010 passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

No action taken by the Board as a result of Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ron Kevish inquired of legal concerning the proposal by the City of Chicago to impose additional fees when automobiles are rented and driven into Chicago. He asked if this area was included in that proposal. Legal was not aware of the answer at this time.

Ron Kevish said he had been contacted by District 9 County Board Member Joe Babich. He has been appointed to a National Association of County Officers and is on a committee overseeing airports, bridges and roads. He requested coming to one of our meetings to see what goes on here in regards to aviation. Chris Lawson suggested Ron bring him out.

AJOURNMENT: Motion by Don Walden to adjourn. Second by Ron Kevish. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Neale
Secretary

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

DATE: March 25, 2009
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Lewis University Airport
Executive Terminal