

**TITUSVILLE – COCOA AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

The Regular Meeting of the Titusville - Cocoa Airport Authority was held on October 16, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Titusville - Cocoa Airport Authority Office at 355 Golden Knights Boulevard, Titusville, FL. The following members were present: Mr. Jerry Sansom, Chairman; Dr. David Hosley, Vice Chairman; Ms. Patricia Patch, Treasurer; Mr. Harry Carswell, Secretary; Dr. Wasim Niazi; Mr. Jay Starit; Mr. Michael D. Powell, C.M., ACE, CEO; Mr. Timothy Pickles, Esq., Airport Attorney. Mr. Milo Zonka was absent.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Sansom asked if there were any changes or additions to the Agenda. Seeing none, Mr. Sansom asked for a motion. Ms. Patch made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Stalrit seconded. Mr. Sansom called the question. There were no objections. Motion Passed.

**Appearances – None****Presentations – None****Consent Agenda****Item A – Approval of the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority Minutes:**

- 1. September 18, 2014 – Regular Meeting**
- 2. September 18, 2014 – Second Public Budget Hearing**
- 3. October 1, 2014 – Special Meeting**

Mr. Sansom called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Powell stated that although Mr. Zonka was not in attendance he had asked via email to have the minutes reflect more clarification on the motion of acquisition of property on page two of the minutes of the October 1, 2014 special meeting. Mr. Powell stated that Staff had already made the change and read it to the Board. Mr. Stalrit made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014 Special Meeting as amended. Dr. Hosley seconded. Mr. Sansom called the question. There were no objections. Motion passed.

Ms. Patch made a motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Hosley seconded. Mr. Sansom called the question. Motion passed.

Mr. Sansom suggested by-passing New Business – Item A until Dr. Niazi arrived. The Board concurred.

### **Old Business – None**

### **New Business**

#### **Item B – Discussion by Mr. Brian Pendleton of Recent Invoiced Costs by Airport Engineering Company and Contractors Regarding Current Projects**

Mr. Sansom turned the floor over to Mr. Pendleton.

Mr. Pendleton presented Invoice Number 14117 in the amount of \$5,355, Invoice Number 14118 in the amount of \$213.14, Invoice Number 14119 in the amount of \$360, and Invoice Number 14116 in the amount of \$11,350, all from Airport Engineering Company, in addition to Invoice Number 9382 in the amount of \$1,880 from IF Rooks for an Independent Fee Estimate, which were for the Airfield Pavement Marking Project at Space Coast Regional Airport.

Mr. Pendleton presented Invoice Number 14120 in the amount of \$3,380 from Airport Engineering Company, which was for Miscellaneous Expenses.

Mr. Stalrit made a motion to approve the invoices. Mr. Carswell seconded. Mr. Sansom called the question. There were no objections. Motion passed.

Dr. Niazi entered the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

#### **Item C – Discussion by Mr. Brian Russell of Recent Invoiced Costs by Michael Baker Jr., Inc. and Contractors Regarding Current Projects**

Mr. Sansom turned the floor over to Mr. Russell.

Mr. Russell presented Pay Application Number 10, in the amount of \$413,424.77 from GLF Construction, as well as Invoice Number 889558 in the amount of \$7,203.57 from Michael Baker Jr., Inc., which were for the West Apron Rehabilitation Project at Space Coast Regional Airport.

Mr. Russell presented Invoice Number 889547 in the amount of \$16,517.10 from Michael Baker Jr., Inc., which was for the East Apron Rehabilitation Project at Space Coast Regional Airport.

Mr. Russell presented Invoice Number 889557 in the amount of \$26,826.96 from Michael Baker Jr., Inc., which was for the East Side Aircraft Storage Hangar Project at Space Coast Regional Airport. Discussion continued.

Mr. Russell presented Pay Request Number 6- Final in the amount of \$40,063.46 from MC2, which was for the Security Installation Project at all airports.

Mr. Russell presented Invoice Number 624589 in the amount of \$5,830 from Oshkosh, which was for the ARFF Vehicle at Space Coast Regional Airport. Discussion continued.

Mr. Russell presented Invoice Number 889555 in the amount of \$68,031.80 from Michael Baker Jr., Inc., which was for the RSA Compliance & Shoreline Stabilization Project at Merritt Island Airport. Discussion continued.

Mr. Carswell made a motion to approve the invoices. Ms. Patch seconded. Mr. Sansom called the question. All voted aye. Motion passed.

### **Item A – Discussion of Ad Valorem Taxing**

Mr. Powell gave a brief overview of the item, stating that Dr. Niazi had requested to have it added to the Agenda for discussion. Mr. Powell turned the floor over to Dr. Niazi. Dr. Niazi stated that the activities at the airports attracted business to Brevard County and the County used to give the Airport Authority ad valorem taxes. Dr. Niazi added that the taxes were taken away from the Authority due to County's opposition to former Airport Authority Staff. Dr. Niazi stated that he felt it was time to ask for the taxes back. Discussion continued.

Mr. Sansom explained that in order for the County to give the Authority the ad valorem taxes, they would have to generate the money out of their existing tax pot for other county programs. Discussion continued.

Dr. Hosley stated that there would more than likely be a political impact if the Authority went ahead and asked for the ad valorem taxes. Discussion continued.

Dr. Niazi made a motion to ask the County for the ad valorem taxes. Mr. Stalrit seconded. Discussion continued.

Mr. Sansom called the question. All voted nay with the exception of Dr. Niazi, who voted aye. Motion failed.

## **Information Section**

### **CEO Report**

Mr. Powell stated that the Valiant Air Command (VAC) was looking for support for their annual airshow, perhaps a sponsorship, because they were concerned about the finances. Dr. Hosley suggested that perhaps Lloyd Morris from the VAC, should meet with the new CEO of Delaware North to see if they could help out. Discussion continued.

Mr. Powell concluded his report.

### **Attorney Report**

Mr. Pickles gave a status report on the Suntrust loan, stating that there were some issues regarding tax exemption; there may need to be a bond based on council opinion and there may need to be a public hearing in front of the County. Mr. Pickles stated that Airport Authority documents required that loans needed to be approved by the County Commission.

Dr. Niazi exited the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Mr. Pickles stated that in order for Suntrust to declare the loan as tax exempt income, it could extend the waiting period to months rather than days, but if the Airport Authority went with a conventional loan, the rate would be higher.

Mr. Sansom asked Mr. Pickles to check with the County to make sure they didn't have an issue with the tax exemption status.

Mr. Pickles concluded his report.

### **Check Register & Budget to Actual**

Mr. Powell stated that everything was in line.

### **Administration & Project Reports**

Mr. Powell stated that nothing had changed since the last reports. Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

### **Authority Members Report**

Dr. Hosley stated that the VAC could be getting a P3 Simulator, but would need a building to house it, adding that they were in negotiations right now. Discussion continued.

Dr. Hosley reported that Rocketcrafters was really starting to get the word out. Dr. Hosley also reported that the VAC had lined up an artist to help them expand and enhance their exhibits.

Mr. Stalrit reported that the next launch would be on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public & Tenants Report – None**

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Sansom adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

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JERRY SANSOM, CHAIRMAN

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HARRY CARSWELL, SECRETARY