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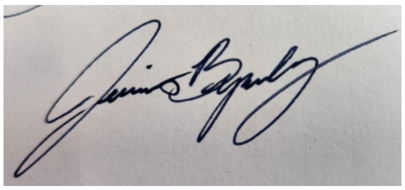

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Jessica Byerly, City of Durant

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
November 6, 2024 AT 4:00 PM, Durant Regional Airport,
Eaker Feild Conference Room
10 Waldron Dr
Durant, Oklahoma

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Craige called the meeting to order at 4:01PM.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Craige provided the invocation. Board Member Thomas led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:
Board Member Dufur
Board Member Lambert
Board Member Thomas
Vice Chairman Sherrer
Chairman Dan Craige

Absent:
Board Member Kathy Moore
Board Member Dan Moore
Board Member Stuteville

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consent Items

To help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on other items requiring strategic thought, the "Consent Items" portion of the agenda groups the routine, procedural, and self-explanatory non-controversial items together. These items are voted on in a single motion (one vote). However, any Council member requesting further information on a specific item thus removes it from the "Consent Items" section for individual attention and separate vote.

a. Consider Approval of Regular Called Meeting Minutes of September 4th, 2024

Motion To: Approve Minutes of Regular Called Meeting of September 4th, 2024

Motion By: Thomas

Seconded By: Lambert

Ayes: Dufur, Lambert, Thomas, Sherrer, Craige

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

a. Airport Directors Report

Kathy Moore entered the meeting at 4:05PM.

During the monthly events section of the Director's report, he mentioned that due to the delay with getting the contract for Hi-Lite for the marking project, the company would not be able to mobilize on this project until mid-December. It was stated that during the pre-construction meeting with Hi-Lite earlier this week, that due to the manufacturer's recommendation for the paint, the Airport is looking to move this project back to the spring. The paint requires 50 degrees or above temperatures and dry weather conditions.

After the Director finished his report, board members asked if our increased operations would qualify us for the FAA's tower program. The director made mention that for the grants on the tower program, the FAA is looking for 70 or 80 thousand take-off and landing operations: the Airport currently has around 53 thousand operations from January 1 to the present day of the meeting. Board Member Kathy Moore asked about previous meetings where there were talks of getting a mobile tower in to help increase those operation numbers. Director Matekovic said that this was indeed one of the avenues that the Airport has been reviewing. However, the airport has been weighing the cost versus benefit, as well as finding a company that we could work with, and this has proven difficult with the many moving parts it takes to make a project like this happen.

Board Member Kathy Moore asked about what kind of finances would be needed to get a tower for Eaker Field. The Director used an example from another Oklahoma airport tower project of around $15 million for tower construction. This brought her to ask about how we could generate more revenue to be able to fund projects like this for the airport. The director then brought up that there had been lots of back and forth about the interpretation of the bond that was written for the construction of the Terminal building. One party says that the wording states that the city can not have any revenue-generating projects out of the terminal (ei. coffee shops, sandwich lunch bars, ect.).

This would also include services such as regional airlines. If we go by FAA regulations, that would violate our grants assurances with them. Other parties state that this is not the wording of the bond. The Director stated that himself, the FAA, the City Manager, and the City Attorney, are all working towards finding a definitive answer to this question. The airport would love to get a regional service, but we also run into the fact that we are considered to be too close to DFW to get these entities to look at our area.

Current solutions were stated that the City either comes up with the money to buy out the bond or refinance the bond through a public entity instead of a government one. Vice Chair Sherrer asked about how much time was still left for the bond. Director Matekovic stated that we should be fully done paying the bond in 2028, and that the last time he spoke with An Chen, the city's finance director, last year there were around 500 thousand left on the bond.

4. Administration

a. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Schedule for Year 2025

Motion To: Approval of Regular Meeting Schedule for Year 2025

Motion By: Thomas

Seconded By: Dufur

Ayes: Dufur, Lambert, Thomas, Sherrer, Craige, Kathy Moore

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn Regular Meeting of November 7th, 2024

Motion By: Dufur

Seconded By: Lambert

Ayes: Dufur, Lambert, Thomas, Sherrer, Craige, Kathy Moore

Nays: None

Abstain: None