

**PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE GRAND FORKS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**January 26, 2017**

The Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority Board of Commissioners met in its regular session in the Board Room of the Byron L. Dorgan Terminal on Thursday, January 26, 2017 with Chairman Karl Bollingberg presiding. Members present were Brad Beyer, Rick Meland, Gary Malm, and Tim Mutchler. Absent were Jeannie Mock and Steve Kuhlman. Staff attending included Ryan Riesinger, Executive Director, Tanna Aasand, Director of Finance/Administration, and Rick Audette, Operations and Maintenance Manager. Airport Attorney Tim Dittus was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

**A. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Malm and seconded by Meland to approve the minutes for the December 22, 2016 meeting as written. **Action Taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Reports**

**1. Financial Report**

Tanna Aasand reviewed the financial reports with the board.

**2. Director Report**

Riesinger introduced the new airport intern, Katie Pergolizzi, then asked the visiting UND students to stand and introduce themselves. He also reported on current events, gave a review of 2016, and talked about his focus for this year.

**3. Chairman Report**

Bollingberg said he appreciates the efforts of all the staff and commented that he likes the way the airport is running smoothly despite the challenges of 2016.

**C. New Business**

**1. Runway 17R-35L & Taxiway A Lighting – Preliminary Design/Engineering Report**

After numerous temporary outages of the lighting systems for Runway 17R-35L and Taxiway A, staff recommends that an evaluation and testing be completed so an Engineering Report can be produced to help determine the best plan for the future. KLJ Engineers prepared a Scope of Services to study the issues and prepare a Report at a cost of \$70,903.90. It is eligible for FAA (90%) and State (5%) funding. There was a motion by Mutchler, seconded by Meland, to approve the Runway 17R-35L & Taxiway A Lighting Scope of Services and authorize the Executive Director to execute the required documents. **Action taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Grantee Transfer: Resolution #01-17**

At the Airport Authority Board meeting on October 27, 2016, the Board passed a motion authorizing the Executive Director to continue working with the Grand Forks Region Economic Development (EDC) and prepare the required documents to transfer the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Grantee designation from the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority to the EDC. Since then the Board of the EDC passed a Resolution authorizing the EDC to

become the FTZ Grantee. The Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority's Resolution #01-17: "AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER THE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE #103 GRANTEE DESIGNATION FROM THE GRAND FORKS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO THE GRAND FORKS REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION" was approved after a motion from Beyer and a second from Malm. **Action taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. CD Bid Results

The Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority, Tax ID # 45-0409220, is seeking to invest \$1.5 million in CDs on January 27th, using the ladder option. Bids were solicited from area financial institutions, and five were received by the January 18th deadline. After reviewing bid results, the board voted, with Bollingberg abstaining from the vote because of where he is employed. After a discussion, Malm then moved to recuse Karl Bollingberg from voting. Mutchler seconded Malm's motion and it passed unanimously. A motion was made by Beyer, seconded by Mutchler, to award the bid to Bremer Bank and authorize the Director of Finance to execute the required documents. Bollingberg abstained from voting and the motion passed with ayes from Malm, Meland, Mutchler and Beyer, with none opposed.

The board discussed the impact the Canadian exchange rate and Essential Air Service has on GFK's load factors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Peterson, Board Secretary

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**March 23, 2017**

The Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority Board of Commissioners met in its regular session in the Board Room of the Byron L. Dorgan Terminal on Thursday, March 23, 2017 with Chairman Karl Bollingberg presiding. Members present were Brad Beyer, Rick Meland, Jeannie Mock, Gary Malm, and Tim Mutchler. Absent was Steve Kuhlman. Staff attending included Ryan Riesinger, Executive Director, Tanna Aasand, Director of Finance/Administration, and Rick Audette, Operations and Maintenance Manager. Airport Attorney Tim Dittus was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

**A. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mutchler and seconded by Malm to approve the minutes for the January 26, 2017 meeting as written. **Action Taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Reports**

**1. Financial Report**

Tanna Aasand introduced Janelle Mulroy from Brady Martz, who then presented the 2016 Audit Report. It was moved by Mutchler and seconded by Beyer to receive the Audit Report as presented. **Action taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

Aasand then reviewed the financial reports with the board.

**2. Director Report**

Riesinger reported on a number of current events at the airport: The impact of the Canadian exchange rate on Allegiant passengers at GFK and other similarly located airports; Avflight's intent to discontinue renting our 3 mass hangars; the FAA's preliminary plans to build a new air traffic control tower; it does not appear likely that the state legislators will be funding the rehab of Bravo Apron; and his plans to hold a strategic planning session with the board in May or June.

**3. Chairman Report**

Bollingberg asked the visiting UND students to introduce themselves.

**C. New Business**

**1. Sort Facility – UAS Multi-tenant discussion**

Airport staff and the FedEx Transition Committee have been researching and considering different options for future tenants in the Sort Facility. Terry Sando, a representative from the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation, joined the meeting via telephone conferencing. Sando described his efforts to attract companies that deal with UAS systems into the area, and said not all would fit in well with the Innovation Center or Grand Sky development. He said there is the potential to have one or more UAS companies use GFK's (old FedEx) sort facility, and one company in particular might be interested in renting a portion of the facility for showroom purposes. The idea would be to divide the building into smaller

sections, for similar possible tenants. After reviewing the one company's potential plans, the Board's consensus was to move forward with discussions.

## **2. FAA System Support Center (SSC) Lease Agreement**

Airport staff negotiated a new lease agreement with the FAA for the FAA System Support Center (SSC) that would increase the rent by \$17,657.20 per year to help offset some of the maintenance and operating costs of the building. The terms were reviewed and there was a motion by Beyer and seconded by Malm to approve the FAA System Support Center (SSC) lease agreement and authorize the Executive Director to execute the required agreements.

**Action taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. April Board Meeting Date**

There was a motion by Meland, seconded by Mutchler to move the April board meeting from the fourth Thursday to Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, due to a conflict with this year's Allegiant conference. **Action taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Peterson, Board Secretary

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**April 21, 2017**

The Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority Board of Commissioners met in its regular session in the Board Room of the Byron L. Dorgan Terminal on Friday, April 21, 2017 with Vice Chairman Chairman Brad Beyer presiding. Members present were Rick Meland, Jeannie Mock, and Gary Malm. Karl Bollingberg was present via phone conferencing. Absent were Steve Kuhlman and Tim Mutchler. Staff attending included Ryan Riesinger, Executive Director, Tanna Aasand, Director of Finance/Administration, and Rick Audette, Operations and Maintenance Manager. Airport Attorney Tim Dittus was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

**A. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Malm and seconded by Meland to approve the minutes for the March 23, 2017 meeting as written. **Action Taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Reports**

**1. Financial Report**

Aasand reviewed the financial reports with the board, and briefed them on this month's open enrollment period.

**2. Director Report**

Updates were given on several current events at the airport: Preliminary steps before planning multi-tenant use of the sort facility; KLJ's runway lighting electrical study; the drafting of plans for demolition of older hangars; East GA construction project starts up again; Taxiway-U project will be sent out for bidding soon; a Safety Risk Management (SRM) panel meeting for the Master Plan; TSA's checkpoint equipment upgrades; an upcoming active shooter training; and GFK's first Airfield Maintenance Seminar. Riesinger then introduced five staff members who have joined the Authority team in recent months.

**3. Chairman Report**

No report.

**C. New Business**

**1. Avflight Ground Site and Building Rent Hangar Lease Agreement**

Avflight has decided to renew their Agreement to rent our Mass Hangars and T-Hangars, with changes to their previous agreement as follows:

1. The new term of the agreement will be one month, and will automatically renew, and shall continue to renew thereafter, for successive one-month terms unless terminated by Lessor or Lessee pursuant to the terms of the Lease.
2. Section 10.01 - Notice of Termination was amended as follows: "Lessee acknowledges that it is the Authority's present intent to redevelop the general area of the Airport where the Leased Premises are located and that such redevelopment would necessarily involve the demolition or relocation of some or all of the buildings and other improvements upon or

serving the Leased Premises. As of the Effective Date, the extent of redevelopment and the timeframe for commencing and completing such redevelopment have not been finally determined. Accordingly, notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Lease to the contrary, Lessor and Lessee shall each have the right to terminate this Lease, in its entirety or as to any one or more of the tracts of land comprising the Leased Premises, without cause, at any time, upon thirty (30) days' notice to the other. Such termination shall be effective at the end of the calendar month first succeeding the thirtieth day following the date of notice. In the event of partial termination, building rent and ground site rent attributable to the tract(s) as to which this Lease is terminated shall be abated in full for the remainder of the term of this Lease.”

Meland moved to approve the Avflight Ground Site and Building Rent Hangar Lease Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to execute the document. The motion was seconded by Malm. **Action taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **2. Amendment #1 to Car Rental Agreements**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Civil Rights conducted an “Airport Disability Compliance Review” in July of 2014. As part of this review they found some Airport contractual agreements did not include required nondiscrimination language per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (49 CFR part 27). This language is required to be in our agreements per the Airport Authority’s Grant Assurances. Amendment #1 to each respective On-Airport Car Rental Concession Agreement has been prepared and they are attached. The nondiscrimination language in the amendment has been approved by the FAA Office of Civil Rights. The current On-Airport Car Rental Concession Agreements each contain a provision requiring the Operator and the Authority to modify or amend the Concession Agreement to bring it into strict compliance with the Authority’s obligations as an airport sponsor under its grant assurances. It was moved by Malm, seconded by Mock, to approve Amendment #1 to each respective On-Airport Car Rental Concession Agreement, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the documents. **Action taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Mead & Hunt Air Service Consulting Services Agreement**

There was a motion by Bollingberg and a second by Meland, to approve a new Air Service Consulting Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt in the total amount of \$38,610 for one year of services, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the required documents. **Action taken:** Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Peterson, Board Secretary