April 23, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes

1. The Ascension-St. James Airport and Transportation Authority met on April 23, 2024, at the Louisiana Regional Airport with Chairman Kevin Landry presiding. Commissioners Malancon, Amato, Gaudin and Kallio, and Boughton were all present and Airport Director, Jason Ball, was also in attendance.
2. Agenda- Accepted
3. A motion by Commissioner Amato seconded by Commissioner Kallio to approve the meeting minutes from March; motion carried unanimously.
4. Presentations- Chris Guidry from Pelican Point stated that airplanes are flying over his home constantly. He stated that they are flying at 500 feet, full power, and with no muffler. The board listened to everything Mr Guidry had to say and agreed that they would look into changes that could be made to ease the noise from airplanes utilizing the airport.
5. Finance- Mr. Ball showed the monthly earnings/expenses. Mr. Ball showed the YTD from 2021, 2022, and 2023 comparatively. Commissioner Gaudin offered the motion to accept the financial report. 2nd by Commissioner Boughton. Approved.
6. Legal- Kenneth Dupaty introduced himself as our new attorney.
7. Engineering: Jeff Sumner(ICE)
   1. Terminal Apron Reconstruction- in 45 day lien period.
   2. Fuel System- Advertisement goes out Thursday.
   3. South Apron Expansion- 75% complete with Design
   4. Box Hangar- Approx. 5 month lead time on steel delivery waiting for solid delivery date.
   5. Terminal Apron Expansion- 90% complete with Design. Under FAA review
8. Operations- Large jets came in for the concert at Lamar Dixon and everything was handled well.
9. Chairman: Chairman Landry brought up the question of fuel discounts and a loyalty program to offer better discounts for higher usage.
10. Airport Manager: Hangar 22 door is complete and power issues are being rectified. Water Line should be approved by next meeting. Awaiting bid tabulation form submission. We are hosting a STEM event next week for school children.
11. Old Business:
12. New Business:
    1. Proposed Budget discussion- Jason showed a proposed budget to discuss any items that may need to be adjusted before officially presenting for approval and public discussion.
    2. New tablet discussion- Deciding between new tablets or something everyone can use, the board suggested a TV with HDMI/smart connection for use by public.
13. Executive Session- Voted in by Com. Amato 2nd by Com. Gaudin to discuss salaries.
14. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 23, 2024.

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Kevin Landry, Chairman Felix Boughton, Secretary