August 22, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes

1. The Ascension-St. James Airport and Transportation Authority met on August 22, 2023, at the Louisiana Regional Airport with Chairman Rick Webre presiding. Commissioners Amato, Malancon ,Boughton, and Gaudin, were all present and Airport Director, Jason Ball, was also in attendance.
2. Agenda- Motion was made by Commissioner Gaudin to add Executive Session to the agenda under new business. Seconded by Commissioner Malancon
3. A motion by Commissioner Boughton seconded by Commissioner Amato to approve the meeting minutes from June as written; motion carried unanimously.
4. Presentations- None
5. Finance- Mr. Ball stated that most annual fees are being paid the first few months so expenses will be higher. We have full staff right now so wages are higher. We moved 50k from proprietary to General to cover expenses. Commissioner Amato moved to approve finance report, seconded by Commissioner Malancon. Motion carried
6. Legal- Nothing to report
7. Engineering: Jeff Sumner(ICE) informed the board on the status of each project. Bid openings for Box hangars and Taxiway Reconstruction came in
8. Terminal Apron Reconstruction- Bid came in higher (1.48m) so reducing scope to main ramp only. Board approved base bid for this project Motion: Com. Boughton, 2nd Amato; motion to allow ICE to pursue BIL funds Motion: Com. Boughton 2nd Melancon all passed
9. Fuel System- Redesign and Rebid
10. South Apron Expansion- not discussed
11. Box Hangar- advertised- Lowest bid was Southern Craftsman at $1,559,829.99 project total.
12. Terminal Apron Expansion- Design Grant in place
13. Operations- Fuel sales remaining steady.
14. Chairman: Nothing reported.
15. Airport Manager: Audit completed. A few notes were made for us moving forward. The Golden Knights will be on airport for a recruiting event doing 3 days of sky diving. Pelican Point expansion was discussed. Mr. Ball met with the parish planners again and explained all of the protected zones. We provided maps and explained the ordinance to them.
16. Old Business:
    1. Hangar 22- Construction 99% finished besides the door. Electrical remaining
17. New Business
    1. Executive Session motion by Commissioner Gaudin and 2nd by Commissioner Boughton. Motion approved. Out: Motion by Com. Amato, 2nd Com. Gaudin
18. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 26, 2023.

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Richard Webre, Chairman Kevin Landry, Secretary