

**West Calcasieu Airport
Managing Board Meeting Minutes**
7000 Southland Field Road, Sulphur, LA 70665
October 1, 2024

1. Call to Order

Dalton Langford called to order the regular meeting of the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board at 4:30 p.m. on October 1, 2024 at Southland Field Airport, 7000 Southland Field Road, Sulphur, LA 70665.

2. Invocation

Mike Granger led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Oliver Schrupf and recited by all board members and guests.

4. Roll Call

The following persons were present:

- ✓ Dalton Langford
- ✓ Missy Amidon
- ✓ Mike Granger
- ✓ Tommy Little
- ✓ Ted Thompson

Also present at the meeting were: Airport Director Tim LaFleur, Oliver Schrupf, Darla Perry, Chuck Stutes, and Joanne Coleman; as well as Pat Sewell, Liz Sewell, and Wayne Steve Thompson.

5. Approval of minutes from meeting on September 3, 2024

Ted Thompson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Tommy Little. No opposition. Motion carried.

6. Address request to board by Wayne Steve Thompson

Wayne Steve Thompson addressed the board regarding a formal complaint against Southland Airfield Director Tim LaFleur.

Dalton Langford appointed himself, Ted Thompson, and Mike Granger to the investigation committee.

Mr. Thompson stated for the record that he had no conflict of interest in being appointed to the committee as he is not related to Wayne Steve Thompson and although they both work at McNeese, they did not have any interactions.

7. Discuss/Approve Request for Qualifications from Engineering Firms

Mike Granger made a motion to approve advertising for a Request for Qualifications from Engineering Firms starting October 2, 2024, 2nd by Ted Thompson. No opposition. Motion carried.

8. Discuss/Approve Change Order for Electrical Wiring at Terminal Building and generator tank size reduction

Chuck Stutes updated the board on Change Order Proposal No. 1 for a deductive change of a 48-hour fuel tank in lieu of the specified 72-hour tank, a deduction for the conduit run by others from hangers to J boxes at terminal project, and a change request for the labor and wire run from J boxes to hangers for a total of \$32,233.

Tommy Little made a motion for a resolution to approve Change Order No. 1 for a cap of \$32,233, 2nd by Ted Thompson. No opposition. Motion carried.

9. Discuss/Approve Change Order for Radio Tower Installation including tower, foundation and cabling

Chuck Stutes recommended tabling this item to give him time to clarify questions he has about the change order.

Ted Thompson made a motion to table Item 9 Discuss/Approve Change Order for Radio Tower Installation including tower, foundation and cabling, 2nd by Chad Guidry. No opposition. Motion carried.

10. Finance Report – Mrs. Darla Perry

Darla Perry reported that for August the airport exceeded revenue and profit and under budget on expenses, closing the month with a net income of \$33,918.56.

Chad Guidry offered a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented, 2nd by Mike Granger. No opposition. Motion carried.

11. Director’s Report – Mr. Tim LaFleur

Tim LaFleur reported that the sheetrock is going up in the terminal building. All the asphalt is laid for the ramp expansion and the lighting is installed. The parish started work on the road repair.

Additionally, Tim stated that he, Oliver and Darla discussed the questions Larsen presented to the board at the last board meeting. After looking at the lease, the acreage and maintenance details are lined out on the original lease. The additional land in question has been leased by Sempra.

After a brief discussion, Mike Granger made a motion to accept the Director’s Report as presented, 2nd by Tommy Little. No opposition. Motion carried.

12. Engineer’s Report – Mr. Chuck Stutes

Chuck Stutes reported that CSRS and FEMA have been impressed with Tim’s work on documenting the work being done at the airport. He reported that the apron expansion project is over 90% complete and should be finished within three weeks.

They should start on brick and roof of terminal building very soon.

After a brief discussion, Ted Thompson made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report as presented, 2nd by Tommy Little. No opposition. Motion carried.

13. Old Business/New Business

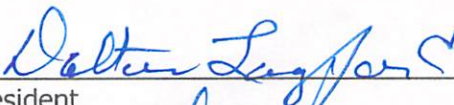
Ted Thompson asked Chuck Stutes about recouping money on a previously approved change order on wiring for Hangars A, B, & C. Mr. Stutes said he isn’t sure who they would request the funds from.

14. Public Comments

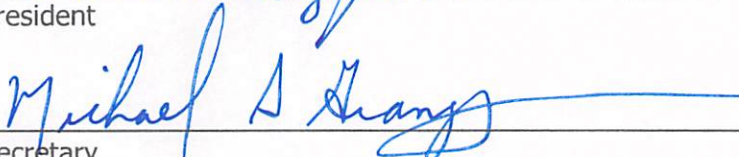
Pat Sewell asked if the committee to investigate allegations was open to non-board members. It was determined that the committee would be board members, but Pat and Liz Sewell would be allowed to give statements to the committee.

15. Adjournment

Tommy Little offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Missy Amidon. No opposition. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:27 p.m.



President



Secretary