

# **West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board Meeting Minutes**

February 3, 2015

## **I. Call to order**

Chairman Dalton Langford called to order the regular meeting of the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board at approximately 4:30 p.m. on February 3, 2015, at the offices of Southland Executive Airport, Conference Room, 7000 Southland Field Road, Sulphur, Louisiana.

## **II. Invocation**

R. K. Levens led the invocation.

## **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge led by Don Chamblee and recited by all board members and guests.

## **IV. Roll call**

The following persons were present:

- ✓ R. K. Levens
- ✓ Tim Dougherty
- ✓ Don Chamblee
- ✓ Dalton Langford

(Others also present at the meeting were: Tim LaFleur, Chuck Stutes, Darla Perry, Dwayne O'Brien, Gregg Watts, Heather White and Sheila Burton.)

## **V. Approval of minutes of the January 6, 2015 regular monthly meeting**

Chairman Dalton Langford entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 regular monthly meeting. R. K. Levens made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 regular monthly meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

## **VI. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **VII. Financial Report**

Darla Perry gave the financial report. Darla reported the fuel sales were under budget along with the cost of sales. The legal fees listed are the legal fees paid in connection with the contract. Darla stated the Airport has collected the \$200,000 from Chenault. The check was mailed to her office last week. Tim Dougherty makes a motion to approve the financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. K. Levens. No opposition. Motion carried.

## **VIII. Director's Report**

Director Tim LaFleur reported that First Flight set up a trailer display of one of the trailers that will be located at the airport. Tim said he has a key for anyone interested in touring the trailer.

Tim reported that the Airport's bush hog has more damage than expected. The A frames are rusted out. Tim said the cost shouldn't be too much over the approved \$6,000; but the machine shop will let him know once they get into the repairs. Tim said once the repairs are done, the bush hog will be better than new.

Tim stated the electrician, Steve Mitchell, came out to the airport to begin the wiring for the new T-hangars and the backup power for the fuel farm. Tim said the fuel farm is going to be wired on a system similar to hangar C so that the big generator can be plugged into it.

Tim reported that All American Helicopter removed their helicopter over the weekend without letting anyone know. Tim said he cancelled all of their gate cards and repossessed their 3 helicopter pads until their bill is paid in full. R. K. Levens asked how much is owed. Tim answered \$7,084. There was further discussion about All American Helicopter. Tim said he placed locks on the doors of hangar C so no one can get in there without permission.

Tim stated he and Chris Kelly went to Baton Rouge to meet with ADG and DOTD representatives to discuss the ALP. Tim said he has some booklets on the ALP that he would like the Board to review at their leisure that explains the progress of the ALP.

Chairman Langford reminded Tim that he had mentioned that All American Helicopter would possibly like to come back. Tim stated they talked about coming back if they get a new contract, but Tim said he doesn't know if he would want them back.

## **IX. Engineer's Report**

Chuck reported he is continuing to work on the ALP. Chuck said there was a follow-up meeting at the airport the day after Tim LaFleur and Chris Kelly had their meeting in Baton Rouge. Chuck stated ADG will be setting up some workshops through Tim the end of this month or next month to give a presentation to the Board and meet with Board members to get their input for the ALP. Chuck said there will be public meetings later on in the process.

Chuck reported the lighting project is about to start back up. Chuck said plans and specs should be submitted to DOTD this spring for approval to go out for bids. Once there is a bid in place, all of that will need to be submitted to DOTD and FAA to get an actual grant. Chuck said that part should take place in early summer.

Chuck indicated the Legislators will be meeting around April. The Airport still has one project in the Capital Outlay Program, which is a T-hangar and rehab on the fuel farm which totals \$600,000. Chuck said the Airport would have to put up 25%, which would be \$150,000. Chuck mentioned that Vernon is already working on it with some of the Legislators.

Darla Perry announced that Francis Andrepont has been assigned as the Police Jury Liaison for the Airport, and Francis said he would try to help the Airport get some Economic moneys that could be used for the 25% cost on the Capital Outlay project. Don Chamblee asked what the Capital Outlay project consisted of. Chuck answered it is changing out all of the runway lighting, taxiway lighting, signs for the runways and taxiways, all of the edge lighting. There was further discussion about the lighting for the Airport. Chuck stated that if the runway project happens, there's a lot of infrastructure that gets affected, like all of the drainage, additional earth work, lighting relocated, etc. Chuck said that will all be covered in detail at the workshops in February or March, along with giving you the projected costs.

Chairman Langford asked about the progress of the striping. Tim LaFleur stated Chris is putting that in the improvement plan, but they will need to do the seal coat before they can do the striping. Tim assured it is in the process and should be on the grant coming out soon. Chuck said to his knowledge there isn't a grant on it yet. The grant is on the lighting and ALP. Chuck said it may be State-funded only. Don Chamblee stated the numbers on the runway in places are getting very dim. There was discussion about the ALP and ADG.

## **X. Old Business**

Don Chamblee mentioned that since the Chenault money has come through, it is time to talk about doing repairs on hangar A. Chairman Langford agreed the hangar does need some attention. There was further discussion about the issues with hangar A and the repairs that need to be done. Darla Perry stated the Airport could request a match for Economic Fund money from the Police Jury to retain the rent. There was continued discussion about hangar A. Darla said she and Tim can work on getting help from the Police Jury. R. K. Levens asked when a decision should be made. Darla said it can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**XI. New Business**

There was no new business at this time.

**XII. Public Comments**

Don Chamblee introduced Dwayne O'Brien and Gregg Watts. Don explained they are aerial applicators and use the airport facilities and welcomed them to speak to the Board. Mr. O'Brien introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief history of his work experience in the area. Mr. O'Brien told the Board he heard Flying Tigers was interested in putting an ag school at the Airport, and he gave a brief history of his understanding of Flying Tigers' business. Mr. O'Brien said he pulled data to show weather conditions and how it will affect the flight school. Mr. O'Brien voiced his concern about the students' backgrounds and Flying Tigers' accident records that are listed on the NTSB website. Mr. O'Brien also mentioned how the ag school will impact large ranches, livestock and alligator farms in the area. Mr. O'Brien continued to list various items of concern that he felt the Board should consider before allowing Flying Tigers to set up their ag flight school at the airport. Mr. O'Brien offered his assistance in answering any questions the Board may have before making the decision to allow Flying Tigers to become a tenant at the airport. The Board thanked Mr. O'Brien for the information he provided and said they will take it into consideration. There was a brief discussion about aerial applicator pilots and the job they do.

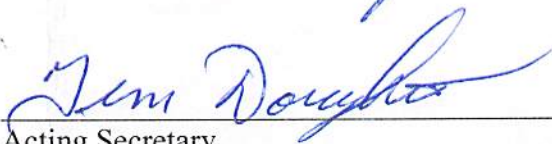
**XIII. Chairman's Update**

No update presented.

**XIV. Adjourn**

R. K. Levens makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Chamblee. Meeting adjourns at approximately 5:08 p.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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Acting Secretary