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West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board

April 3, 2012

The April meeting of the West Calcasieu Airport Managing Board was called to order by Mr. Joe Palermo with the following members present: Mr. Dalton Langford, Mr. Abe Fontenot and Mr. Tim Dougherty. Also attending the meeting were, Mayor Chris Duncan, Mr. Randall Fenner, Mr. Adam Leger, Mr. George Simon, Mr. Les Farnum and ,Mr. Chuck Stutes

The invocation was offered by Mr. Fontenot followed by the pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Langford.

Mr. Dougherty proposed accepting the minutes for the March meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Fontenot. The motion passed. Mr. Dougherty proposed accepting the minutes for the March 13, 2012 Special Meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Fontenot. The motion passed.

Mr. Palermo asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Ware asked to be added to the agenda. Mayor Duncan asked to speak to the board concerning the Chenault agreement. Mr. Dougherty proposed amending the agenda to reflect the additions, seconded by Mr. Langford. The motion passed.

Mr. Leger gave the finance report. Mr. Leger advised the board that February was a very good month. Mr. Leger also informed the board that the airport was doing well for the year as well.

Mr. Larsh gave the Managers Report. Mr. Larsh advised the board that the fuel sales for March were up overall. The owner of Performance Helicopters is assisting a helicopter training company in Beaumont. The company will direct that all cross country flights will route through Southland Field. This will increase our avgas sales.

The repairs to the hangers doors have been finished. The doors operate much better. Mr. Dougherty asked about the status of repairs to the t hangers. Mr. Langford asked about the payment record of Black Elk Energy. Mr. Larsh advised that the company was paying within a 30 day cycle.

Mr. Stutes gave the Engineers report. Mr. Stutes advised the board that the Fencing project was underway. Mr. Stutes advised the board that he was not happy with the performance of the company doing the project. A letter has been sent to the company expressing our concerns. The company has requested a partial payment; however, the engineer will not process the request until the concerns have been addressed.

The plans for the fuel farm have been finalized and are being forwarded to the state for approval.

Mr. Palermo informed the board that he would entertain a motion authorizing the chairman to enter into a cooperative agreement with Chenault Airport concerning tax revenues. Mr. Langford so moved, seconded by Mr. Fontenot. The motion passed.

Mr. Jerry Ware addressed the board. Mr. Ware expressed his appreciation of what the mayor has done for the airport. Mr. Ware expressed his concerns about the airport. Mr. Ware discussed the conditions of the hangers. Mr. Ware asked about the possibility of hiring a maintenance person either full or part time to work on the maintenance of the airfield.

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Mr. Simon expressed his concern about the need for money to do maintenance. Mr. Simon recommended a list be constructed and prioritized. Mr. Palermo informed Mr. Larsh that he wanted a list of everything that needs maintenance. Mr. Fontenot advised that the airport establish a plan to complete necessary maintenance. Mr. Langford expressed concern about the lack of routine maintenance performed by the line crew. He felt that reflected on poor management practices.

Mr. Palermo appointed Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Langford to a committee to establish a guideline for maintenance.

Mr. Langford informed the board that he had talked to Mr. King concerning mowing the grass in the safety areas. Mr. Langford advised the board that the pilots concern with hay bales. Mr. Langford also expressed concern about the fact that a pilot using a crutch was not offered assistance.

Mr. Larsh informed Mr. Langford that he would address the problem.

Mr. Palermo advised the board that he had no further new business. Mr. Langford proposed adjourning the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dougherty. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

<u>4|4|12</u> Date Joseph R. Palermo

Chairman

Sam H. Larsh **Recording Secretary**