

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009  
CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT  
1020 S. PLANT ROAD  
WHEELING, IL 60090  
6:30 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Englehardt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call confirmed the following present: Chairman Englehardt, Directors Mendez, Kolssak, Arrigoni, Rooney, Widmer and Ahlstedt.

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Dennis Rouleau - Airport Manager  
Jamie Abbott- Assistant Airport Manager  
Kathleen Pradd - Recording Secretary

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Following roll call Chairman Englehardt led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Changes to Agenda**

Discussion of new start time for Board Meetings will be discussed under new business.

**IV. Citizens Comments**

Howard Levinson- commented that he wanted to clarify the April 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes where it stated that he had contacted Chairman Englehardt and told him that he had a discussion with IDOT Director Susan Shea who told him that there was "G/A Entitlement money" available to build T-Hangars. In fact, Dr. Shea told him there was "stimulus" money available for the asking for FBO and T-Hangar construction. All we had to do was contact Congress. The Airport Manager did contact Dr. Shea after the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting via email to inquire about any additional funds accessible to us and was told there was none at this time.

**V. New Business**

A motion was made by Director Kolssak and seconded by Director Rooney to approve the following item on this evening's new business to include:

- o Item A - Resolution 09-021- A Resolution recommending approval to execute a Participation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation to extend Taxiway Lima which would commit Chicago Executive Airport to an approximately \$1.3 Million local share

Discussion followed. Director Kolssak asked for an explanation for the timing of this resolution. The Airport Manager gave a history of the project as it began in 2007. This year it was bid out in March, and the low bidder was Lindahl Brothers with a bid of approximately \$200,000 lower than the previous bid in 2007. FAA approached the Airport with an offer to use the \$2.3 million discretionary funding for this project or risk losing the funds to another airport. The only condition was that the Airport needed to guarantee \$1.35 million up front for the total cost of the project. Our local share is higher on this project because we are extending sewer line to the T-Hangar area that is not eligible for federal funding. Another reason the immediate timing of approving this participation agreement was necessary was because the Lindahl bid will expire on June 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition to G/A entitlement funds that the Airport can use to pay ourselves back with, the FAA has just given the Airport Manager a strong guarantee that the Southeast project will be on the FY 2009 list for additional discretionary funding, so hopefully we may be reimbursed before ever having to use our own funds to complete this project.

Director Kolssak questioned how this resolution passed both communities so quickly. He felt that the Airport Board being the recommending body should have been given the right to decide before the communities and now, in addition to really having no choice in this decision, he did not want the haste and liability of this decision to rest on the Airport Board. It was explained that the Airport Manager and the Airport Attorney called an emergency conference meeting on Friday afternoon, May 29, with the City Administrator of Prospect Heights, Pam Arrigoni and Mark Rooney, Village Manager of Wheeling, explaining the urgency of amending their agendas of June 1<sup>st</sup> to include this resolution. Director Rooney was satisfied with the Airport Manager's explanation of the risk of losing the \$2.3 discretionary funding if we did not act quickly and how the Airport was prepared to pay down the upfront expenses. Director Arrigoni commented that the decision was not meant to offend this board. Director Kolssak would like his concern reflected in the minutes about elimination of discussion at the community level and the Airport Board level of RSA money that was meant for us now being shifted to another project, instead of repaying the debt that we owe. He believes this is indeed a risky situation, without any assurance from Washington that the RSA situation has been resolved. The Chairman commented that if this is a way to free up the \$2.3 million right away to repay ourselves the Airport should do it. He said that during the Illinois Aviation Conference he had discussions with members of the FAA and state and they recognize how important our Airport is as a reliever airport. They mentioned that they would like to see the momentum pick up in terms of spending so that we can start moving again and see the Airport develop.

The motion was approved by a roll call vote. Aye votes included: Directors Rooney, Widmer, Ahlstedt, Mendez, Kolssak and Arrigoni.

Nay votes: None

A general discussion regarding changing the start time of monthly board meetings to 6:00 p.m. was approved by the board.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Director Arrigoni and seconded by Director Rooney to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene Ahlstedt  
Secretary