

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Nathaniel Williams called the Special Regular Board Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Silas Wilkerson, Attorney Collins, Pastor Johnson, Nathaniel Williams and Ross Amundson.

**PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STATED THAT PURSUANT TO I.C. 5-14-1.5-6(D) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GARY/CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT IT DISCUSSED NO SUBJECT MATTER IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OTHER THAN THE SUBJECT MATTER SPECIFIED IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE.**

**ATTENDEES:**

ATTORNEY PATRICK LYP

K. KURFMAN  
C. KEITH  
L. NIXON

B. GYURKO – GYY PROJECT MANAGER  
D. WHITEHEAD – GYY SECURITY  
J. WARD – GYY MARKETING  
RUFUS PURNELL – LIGHTHOUSE MARKETING  
JIM NOWACKI - CITIZEN  
KEITH BENMAN – THE TIMES  
MATT MIKLES – POST TRIBUNE  
LT. BRUCE OUTLAW - GPD

[Note: Ken Ross present by phone].

Pastor Johnson led in Prayer. Silas Wilkerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Steve Landry on vacation. Bob Gyurko presented his report.

- Grant Agreement between the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) and Gary/Chicago International Airport

Patrick stated that the RDA approved the Agreement and he presented it for airport approval and signature.

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RDA AND GCIAA.**

Silas stated that he had some concerns but since it was the 'eleventh hour' he would vote in the affirmative. He hoped that this could be re-visited at some point.

President Williams asked Silas what items were of concern, to which Silas noted:

1. Number 8 – page 6 – Subcontracting
2. Number 9 – page 7 – Termination Rights
3. Alphabet C – page 14 – Requirement to provide copies of sub-contractor agreements

Patrick, Carolyn and Ken Ross provided explanations to Silas' concerns plus Ross Amundson shared some comments.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Wilkerson	Abstain
Attorney Collins	Aye
Pastor Johnson	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Amundson	Aye

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- Amendment to Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement between Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration and Gary/Chicago International Airport - Agreement Number AJW-FN-CSA-11-C055A

Ken Ross stated that this Agreement related to improvement of Runway 12/30. The purpose of the modification was to add scope of work to the original Agreement to support the procurement of a new Localizer System. He provided additional background info plus explained the need for this Amendment. Ken recommended conditional approval so that when the final Agreement was received it could be reviewed by the "round table" and if all requirements were met; the Agreement would be executed (Steve Landry to sign) and returned with a check in an amount not-to-exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars to be paid to the FAA.

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVE THE NON-FEDERAL REIMBURSABLE AGREEMENT (number AJW-FN-CSA-11-C055A) IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND STEVE LANDRY GIVEN PERMISSION TO SIGN AGREEMENT.**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Wilkerson	Aye
Attorney Collins	Aye
Pastor Johnson	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Amundson	Aye

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Carolyn presented and requested approval of the Purchase Order Approval Lists and Claim Registers for all funds dated December 19, 2012.

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL LISTS AND REGISTER OF CLAIMS FOR ALL FUNDS DATED DECEMBER 19, 2012.**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Wilkerson	Abstain
Attorney Collins	Aye
Pastor Johnson	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Amundson	Aye

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A request was presented for approval to allow Robert Gyurko to carry over five (5) unused vacation days from 2012 into 2013 for a maximum of twenty (20) vacation days in 2013. This was in accordance with GCIAA Personnel Manual.

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO ALLOW THE FIVE (5) DAYS CARRY OVER OF VACATION DAYS FROM 2012 INTO 2013 FOR ROBERT GYURKO.**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Wilkerson	Aye
Attorney Collins	Aye
Pastor Johnson	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Amundson	Aye

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob stated that the Maintenance Dept. was short handed by two (2) employees. He added that Work One recommended a potential candidate, with mechanic skills. Work One performed the initial screening process on behalf of the airport. President Williams asked for comments from the Personnel Committee.

Silas commented that he made a request to Steve Landry for a list of certifications and references relative to the candidate. He was told that the documentation was not yet available. Bob responded that an e-mail went out confirming the references – but not the certifications. He proceeded to provide an explanation. Cornell was concerned about the lack of actual documentation. Bob again stressed that Work One performed the initial screening process. Cornell stressed that all the Board wanted was the requested documentation. Pastor Johnson clarified with Bob that Work One recommended this candidate.

Pastor Johnson suggested approval of hiring the candidate contingent upon verification of credentials.

Cornell asked if the effort could be made to acquire the requested info for the Board. Bob responded that airport staff was unable to perform the task due to workload. He stressed that the staff was stretched pretty ‘thin’. Pastor Johnson added that Work One was a state agency and he could not imagine them referring an unqualified applicant. He added that the airport should be able to verify credentials.

Silas summed the discussion up by telling Bob that due diligence had not been performed.

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President Williams asked Bob if he could provide the Board with the requested info. Bob replied not this year – he did not have the time.

Cornell Collins indicated that it could wait until Steve returned from vacation since Bob refused to perform the task. Bob clarified that he did not refuse to do it – he just did not have the time.

Pastor Johnson suggested approval subject to appropriate documentation being provided to the Board.

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO EMPOWER PRESIDENT WILLIAMS AND SILAS WILKERSON TO REVIEW REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION WHEN RECEIVED AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Wilkerson	Aye
Attorney Collins	Aye
Pastor Johnson	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Amundson	Aye

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Jim Nowacki, 1<sup>st</sup> District, began by commenting on the ‘eleventh hour’ observation made by Silas Wilkerson. He confessed that he did not know if he would be any better than the Board at running the airport. He was concerned about an article that appeared in the editorial section of one of Gary’s great daily newspapers (Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> paper), which stated that lack of due diligence was the blame for airport problems. He stated that he did not witness any due diligence at today’s board meeting. Further, at the beginning of the airport expansion project, it was very clear that there was not really a business plan. He noted that if it had been up to him – he would have opted for the shorter runway and proceeded with airport development relative to general aviation, which would have saved \$166 Million in federal/local monies. He was also concerned about an article in Sunday’s paper relative to borrowing \$38 Million to be secured by TIF funds. He noted that the ADZ covers 20% of the city’s land area. This area was identified as being a good source of funds because it provided a steady flow of income from a broad tax payer base. He referred to a City Council meeting he attended, in which he learned that the City was unable to provide bullet proof vests to police officers because of a Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollar shortage. The Fire Dept. did not have sufficient trucks. The City was

unable to provide basic services – but the airport was able to take \$38 Million out of the tax flow from the ADZ for funding airport projects – with no Business Plan. Well ..... Merry Christmas.

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The President thanked Mr. Nowacki for his comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

**MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY D. SCOTT**

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Attachments:

1. Purchase Order Approval Lists/Register of Claims dated December 19, 2012.

MINUTES APPROVED:

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Ross E. Amundson, Secretary GCIAA