

MINUTES of  
AIRPORT BOARD MEETING  
June 11, 2008  
Aurora Room, 7:00 p.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ron Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present:

Gordon Evans  
Eric Forrer

Jerry Godkin  
Butch Laughlin

Ron Swanson  
Steve Zimmerman

Member Absent:

Bill Peters

Staff/CBJ Present:

Dave Palmer, Airport Manager  
Patricia deLaBruere, Dep. Airport Mgr.  
Ted Anderson, Airport Planner

John Coleman, Airport Business Mgr.  
Catherine Fritz, Airport Architect  
Paul Wescott, Airport Engineer

Public Present:

Mike Wilson, Coastal Helicopters  
Pete Carlson, AK Air/AOPA/JFA  
Jeannie Johnson, Public  
Craig Loken, Alaska Seaplanes  
Joe Heuelsen, Public

Dick Rountree, Public  
Craig Jennison, NorthStar Trekking  
Jason Kulbreth, NorthStar Trekking  
Renda Heimbigner, Tenant  
Ella Rogers, Glacier Restaurant

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Steve Zimmerman moved, Gordon Evans seconded, the adoption of the May 14, 2008, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Steve Zimmerman moved, Gordon Evans seconded, to approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

VI. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Gordon Evans moved to have Jerry Godkin as acting chair for the next Board meeting as this was Ron Swanson's last meeting. Chair Swanson said that the rules the Board operates under state that elections will occur in July; therefore, Jerry Godkin will be the acting chair in the July meeting.

VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. **Exchange of Land for Runway Safety Area Construction** (Attachment #1):

The Airport needs land off of the end of each runway to construct the safety area, which land is in the refuge. Concerns were noted by Fish & Game and DNR that if land was given to the Airport, it would not be easily replaced. Approval of the Board was requested for the exchange of up to five acres of airport wetlands for State lands now within the Refuge on each end of the runway for construction of the runway safety area. This recommendation by the Board will be forwarded to the Assembly for approval of the land exchange, which will be of equivalent size and value. This will not affect the mitigation cost of \$5+ million. *Gordon Evans moved, Jerry Godkin seconded, to approve the recommendation of the Manager. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

#### B. **Terminal Renovation Public Art Recommendation** (Attachment #2):

Acceptance of the Board is requested for public art offered by Criswell and Henrickson as approved by the Art Selection Panel. This art will be like a large mobile that hangs down the stairwell. The materials that will be used will be sheets of aluminum and the painting, which will cost approximately \$40,000. The graph work, lighting and how it will hang will cost \$26,000. The specific details will be further worked out in the contract. This artwork was selected by a large margin of the Art Selection Panel. *Gordon Evans moved, Steve Zimmerman seconded, that the Board accept the Criswell and Henrickson proposal, and recommend to the Assembly its approval. Further it is recommended that the Airport Architect negotiate the specific terms of the art contract, including integration of the proposed art with the architecture for the new addition to the airport terminal. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

#### C. **Airport Manager's Report:**

1. The Assembly has approved the Airport's budget, including \$312,500 of passenger fee revenues as the Board requested. We will include this revenue in the supplemental budget late in the fiscal year. Rates and fee increases proposed by the Board were also adopted.

2. \$1,300,000 for the passenger terminal renovation project is included in the State capital budget that was signed by Governor Palin.

3. An approximate \$.5 million grant has been awarded to the Airport by the Alaska Energy Authority for the ground source heat pump system as part of the terminal renovation. This is approximately one-half of the cost of the system. The Board thanked Catherine Fritz for her work on this grant.

4. A request by NorthStar Helicopters for a 10-year agreement to land on the tie down area they now use is being considered. We had anticipated a need

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to park the Alaska Airlines freighter in the area, and are awaiting a response from them. Alaska Airlines will receive a deadline of the end of June for a decision for their positioning of the freighter.

5. Although AEL&P is on hydro power, our billing schedule will not return to the normal rate until early July, so conservation efforts continue.

6. Ron Swanson and Eric Forrer have contributed significantly to the Airport's development and operations and their support and efforts will be missed.

7. Terminal Project and Airfield Maintenance Equipment Facility (Attachment #3)

8. Airport Projects (Attachment #4)

IX. **ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS:** None. Chair Swanson noted that he had forgotten to speak to the Mayor regarding having a new Assembly liaison appointed for the Airport as David Stone has other Wednesday commitments. He suggested the Acting Chair talk to the Mayor.

X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jeannie Johnson, former Airport Board member, noted that this was Ron Swanson's last meeting. She said Ron started his career working with the Airport on February 15, 1991. He has had a commonsense poise on the board. Ms. Johnson presented a copy of the first agenda and a program to help with airport withdrawals. She said that Ron's contributions to the Airport and the CBJ are beyond measure. Ron Swanson said there had been very satisfying times and very discouraging times. He is glad he did it.

XI. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

A. Gordon Evans said he has also enjoyed working with Mr. Swanson.

B. Jerry Godkin thanked Mr. Swanson for his years' of service. He was sure Mr. Swanson has a wealth of information.

He said if you look at the \$312,500 that was received from the Assembly, the Board owes a thanks to the Assembly for giving the money to the Airport. He didn't know if this could have happened without the assistance of the current staff, the local knowledge of how it was created, and the letter that requested the funds. He thanked the Manager and his staff for the diligence on that.

C. Eric Forrer said he appreciated Mr. Swanson's contribution to the Airport.

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D. Steve Zimmerman said that Butch Laughlin and he began on the Board in September 2007. Bill Peters began in February and two new members will begin in the next month. Thus only two members will have been on the board for more than ten months. He suggested that the board needs to schedule a retreat as soon as possible and that past members should be invited to attend the next retreat.

XII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

XIII. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next regular Airport Board meeting will be held on July 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aurora Room.

XIV. **ADJOURN:** *Gordon Evans moved, Steve Zimmerman seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:55 p.m.*