

Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
Captain Walter Francis Duke Regional Airport
May 22, 2006

Approved Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bill McNamara, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Other members present were: Walt Gillette, Ned Clarke, Korey Smith, Erin Lesko, and Stan Sweiker. Recognizing that a quorum was present, Mr. McNamara noted that official business could be conducted.

Others in attendance are reflected on the Sign-In Sheet.

II. MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the draft April 24, 2006 minutes and provided minor corrections to the report under Section IV, Public Comment, requesting the text "aircraft frame" be replaced with "airframe" and "VSBI" be replaced with Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI)". Also, under Section VI, FBO and Leaseholder Reports, "ADSP" should read "ADS-B" and the Unicom Frequency should be reflected as "123.0" in lieu of the "1230" currently drafted. Mr. Erichsen agreed to make the requested changes in the minutes prior to posting on the County website. Following review of the draft April minutes, a motion to approve the minutes, as noted, was made by Korey Smith and seconded by Ned Clarke. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Mr. Erichsen noted that approved minutes for March have been posted on the County website.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. McNamara discussed the format for the evenings Public Informational Meeting for the Environmental Assessment. Once the Chairman's report is concluded, the Director of Public Works & Transportation and consultant will conduct the balance of the public meeting / presentation.

Mr. McNamara reminded the committee of the June 6, 2006 dedication ceremony for the airport terminal building which is scheduled for 1:00 PM at the terminal building. He encouraged all the Committee members to try and attend. Mr. Erichsen advised that several members of the Duke family would be present. As a part of the ceremony, the terminal Building letters will be changed, an archival quality static display will be permanently placed in the terminal lobby, and a dedication plaque erected on the wall near the front entrance. Light refreshments will also be provided with several distinguished guest speakers.

Mr. McNamara also reminded the Committee that they agreed not to meet in August. Mr. Erichsen assured that he would have the notice properly posted through the County Public Information Office to advise the public of same.

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

As a matter of protocol, Mr. Erichsen introduced into the record a copy of the Notice of Public Informational Meeting legal notice and Certificate of Publication. He noted that the St. Mary's Today published the Notice on Sunday May 14 & 21, 2006 and that The Enterprise published the Notice on Wednesday May 10 & 17, 2006. The Notice was read in it's entirety.

Mr. Erichsen recognized County Commissioners Kenny Dement and Dan Raley and thanked them for their attendance. Both Commissioners thanked the Committee for all the work they do for the Board and the citizens of the County. Mr. Erichsen also introduced Mr. Terry Page of the Federal Aviation Administration-WADO who is responsible for oversight of the Federal capital improvement program which includes funding for the County's airport. Mr. Erichsen then introduced Ms. Colleen M. Angstadt and Mr. Roy G. Lewis of Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. to begin the formal informational meeting.

Mr. Lewis advised that the evening's meeting would be conducted in a workshop environment. Numerous display boards have been posted in the lobby and staff will be posted to help answer any questions that the Committee, tenants, or general public might have. In addition, there is a court reporter present to document any additional comments that anyone may wish to formally register during the meeting. Finally, there are Comment Cards also available if anyone wished to write down their comments or needed additional information than what was presented. Ms. Angstadt proceeded to discuss the Environmental Assessment project in accordance with the Project Summary handout. There was general open discussion regarding the current airport layout plan, FAA / MAA / local capital funding requirements, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, purpose and need, alternative development analysis and B-II Large recommendation, environmental impacts and mitigation. There was also discussion regarding the need for the County to acquire additional aviation easements for clearing obstructions.

With respect to a question regarding noise contours, Mr. Erichsen advised that the noise contours for the airport build-out (existing, 2008, and 2020) remain primarily within the Airport property. The corresponding noise contour maps are included as a part of the Environmental Assessment and the Federal noise compatibility planning standards for average permissible sound levels were adopted in the local Zoning Ordinance. These sound level thresholds are with the established maximum standards in the Zoning Ordinance based on the zoning of the property receiving the noise.

Mr. Lewis discussed the current 12,500 pound single wheel load limitation on the runway. Although the runway has been overlaid to withstand a 20,000 load, obstructions have to be removed and the runway / taxiway centerline increased to 240 feet before the limitation can be formally published. Once the runway is extended, it has been recommended to overlay same to withstand a 30,000 pound single wheel load.

Commissioner Raley asked whether or not the County's capital improvement program reflected the current Airport master plan, funding formulas, and capital priorities established by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Mr. Erichsen advised that the County FY07 recommended budget accurately reflected the FAA capital improvement program planning.

Mr. Lewis advised that at the end of the meeting, there typically is a 60-90 day window prior to final approval of the Assessment. NEPA requires a 30 day comment period, the FAA subsequently issues a FONSI (finding of No Significant Impact) which requires another 30 day comment period. An additional 30 days can be anticipated for processing the approvals.

At this point the more informal workshop portion of the informational meeting was conducted. Comment Cards were available for the public to provide input.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Having heard no additional comments, Mr. Clarke recommended the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Mr. Sweiker and passed by a vote of 6-0. The Airport Advisory Committee portion of the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM. The consultant,

DPW&T representatives, and court reporter remained to address any additional public inquiries.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

George A. Erichsen, P.E.
Recording Secretary

Bill McNamara
Chairman