

**GRAYSON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 3, 2014**

MEMBER'S PRESENT:

Bill Hubbard, Chairman
Bill Benton
Jeff Christie
Randy Hensarling
Bill Rasor

MEMBER'S ABSENT:

OTHER'S PRESENT:

Mike Shahan, Director
Wm. B. (Ben) Munson, Esquire
Terry Vogel, Lake Texoma Jet Center
Phyllis James, County Commissioner Pct. #3
Bart Lawrence, County Commissioner Pct. #4
Alan Klein, UTA Institute of Urban Studies
Rez Sardari, UTA Institute of Urban Studies
Van Price, Assistant District Attorney, Grayson County

Bill Retz, NTRA Marketing Director
Jeff Whitmire, County Commissioner Pct. #1
Michael Hutchins, Herald Democrat
Aaron Bloom, TxDOT
Rod Tatchio, Tatchio & Associates
Cristine Baril, UTA Institute of Urban Studies
Jay Jones

1.

Call to Order.

Bill Hubbard, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.

Consideration of approval of the February 13, 2014, Board Meeting.

Mr. Hubbard asked the Board if there were any changes or revisions to be made to the minutes. Mr. Christie made the motion to approve the minutes as typed. Mr. Benton seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

3.

Consideration of approval of appointing a Budget Committee to assist in preparing the FY 2015 RMA and Airport Budgets.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that it was time to begin preparing the annual budgets for the RMA and the Airport. Mr. Christie stated that he would volunteer to be on the committee. Mr. Hensarling made the motion to appoint Mr. Christie and Mr. Benton to the Budget Committee. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

4.

Update on application submitted to the FAA for entrance into the Federal Contract Tower Program.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that the Federal Contract Tower Program is a program through the FAA. He stated that once an airport reaches a 1.0 benefit cost ratio, the FAA will pick up the cost of the controllers for the tower. Mr. Shahan stated that the BC Ratio in November 2012 was 1.4 and it is currently a 2.2. He stated that this would qualify for funding in the amount of \$550,000.00 which would

pay for two controllers per shift and a tower manager. Mr. Shahan stated that as of this time the airport still had not been accepted into the program. Mr. Shahan stated that the airport needed Congressional assistance to get into the program. He stated that earliest that the airport could be admitted would be October 2014. Mr. Shahan stated that if the airport is admitted it would save approximately \$200,000.00 in the budget and would provide more controllers on duty at one time.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that the current operator of the tower, Advanced ATC, has submitted a request for additional funding for control tower staffing. He stated that they thought that additional staffing was needed because one controller on duty at a time was not safe during peak hours. He stated that they had submitted a proposal to increase staffing by an additional four to five hours per day so that there would be overlap of controllers during the day. Mr. Shahan stated that increasing hours an additional 35 hours per week would cost \$26,775.00 and an increase of 28 hours would cost \$21,420.00. Mr. Shahan advised the Board that he was asking their permission to present the request to Commissioners Court. After some discussion of this request, Mr. Christie made the motion to send the request to Commissioners Court for their consideration for increased staffing for the option of 28 hours per week until October 1. Mr. Hensarling seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

5.

Update on the Grayson County Thoroughfare Plan by the Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington provided an update on the Grayson County Thoroughfare Plan. After the completion of the presentation, Mr. Benton asked if the Board could be provided with a copy of the slide show and Mr. Klein said they could. Mr. Benton asked if there would be any collaboration between this study and the MPO Study and Collin County Transportation Plan. Mr. Klein stated that they would be meeting with the MPO planners and that they will look at other county's plan. Mr. Jones asked if they would be honoring the city thoroughfare plans also and Mr. Klein stated that they would. Mr. Retz asked if there was anything being done with traffic traveling south from Oklahoma. Mr. Klein stated that would be included also.

6.

Director's Update to include discussion of Monthly Reports, Facility Upgrades and Airport Events/News.

Mr. Shahan updated the Board on the fuel flowage report. He stated that as of the end of March fuel sales were up 25% from last year at this time.

Mr. Shahan updated the Board on the ATC operations report. He stated that operations were up 5% from the previous year.

Mr. Shahan stated the Board had the budget report.

Mr. Shahan updated the Board on the Texoma 100 Air Race. He stated that 36 racers had participated in the event.

Mr. Shahan advised that the Lone Star Aerobatics will be held June 20-21, 2014, and the U.S. National Aerobatic Championship will be held from September 21-26, 2014.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that the Kustom Kemps Car Race will be held on September 28, 2014.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that the Joint Airport Zoning Board had met on March 28, 2014.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that U.S. Aviation wants to increase the number of domestic students to at least 25. They currently have two domestic students in receiving flight training.

Commissioner Whitmire asked what percentage of the flight count was contributed to the flight school. Mr. Shahan stated that it would be hard to break that down but he thought it would be approximately 50%.

7.

Recess for Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code.

Mr. Hubbard stated that the Board would be recessing into Executive Session. Mr. Hubbard invited the County Commissioners, Mr. Price, and Mr. Munson to remain in the room. The Board recessed into executive session at 12:38pm.

8.

Reconvene Regular Session; Action on Executive Session Items.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 12:51pm. Upon returning to open session, Mr. Hubbard advised that no action would be taken on anything discussed in the Executive Session.

9.

Public Comments.

Mr. Hubbard asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Board or if there were any more comments from the Board. Mr. Retz stated that he would like to remind everyone of the impact that the flight school has on the entire community and not just the impact on the NTRA budget.

10.

Adjourn.

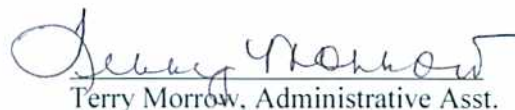
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

11.

Next Meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held on May 8, 2014, at 10:00am in the meeting room of the GTUA, 5100 Airport Drive, Denison, Texas.


W. R. Hubbard, Jr.


Terry Morrow, Administrative Asst.