

**GRAYSON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 10, 2012**

MEMBER'S PRESENT:

Bill Hubbard, Chairman
Bill Benton
Jeff Christie
Bill Rasor

MEMBER'S ABSENT:

Randy Hensarling

OTHER'S PRESENT:

Mike Shahan, Director
Terry Vogel, Lake Texoma Jet Center
Bill Retz, NTRA Marketing Director
David Gordon, Estrada Hinojosa
Mary Jane Farmer, Herald Democrat
Jim Hankins
Dean Fitzbag
Van Price, Assistant District Attorney, Grayson County

Bill Hughes, L3 Communication
Wm. B. (Ben) Munson, Esquire
Bart Lawrence, Grayson County Commissioner
Drue Bynum, Grayson County Judge
Brant Alexander, Alexander ATC Services
Lewis Strange
Robert Montgomery

I.

Call to Order.

Bill Hubbard, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00am and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II.

Consideration of approval of the April 12, 2012, 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 and Mr. Benton seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

III.

Consideration of approval of a License Agreement between the North Texas Regional Airport and the International Aerobatic Club, Inc., a Wisconsin Corporation, to conduct the 2012 U.S. National Aerobatic Championships.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board this was the same License Agreement that had been used with the Lone Star Aerobatic Championships and previous US National Aerobatic Championships. He stated the dates of the contest were September 20 through 30, 2012. Mr. Shahan advised the Board that Mr. Munson had approved the agreement as written. Mr. Benton made the motion to approve the License Agreement between North Texas Regional Airport and the International Aerobatic Club for the 2012 U.S. National Aerobatic Championships. Mr. Christie seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

IV.

Consideration of approval to host the 2013 World Aerobatic Championships in October 2013.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that the 2013 World Aerobatic Championships (WAC) were coming to the United States. He stated that originally they were going to be held in Las Vegas but that had fallen through and a new location would be chosen. He stated that Doug Bartlett, the President of the

IAC, had asked that the Board approve having NTRA as the location for the 2013 WAC, which would be held in October 2013. He stated that it was similar to the National championship except that there are approximately 16-20 countries participating with approximately 60 pilots. Mr. Shahan stated that it was also a ten day contest. He stated that the economic impact should be greater than the Nationals. Mr. Shahan stated that the cost of the contest is approximately \$350,000.00. Mr. Shahan advised that sponsors would be sought to cover the cost. There were questions about the bidding process. Mr. Shahan advised that the Airport would host the championship and would also help with seeking sponsors and stated that the Airport would not have to come up with actual funds. Mr. Shahan stated that the Resolution was non-binding and that it states only that the WAC could be held here. He stated that the only caveat is that it states that nothing will be built under the aerobatic box but he stated that should not be a problem. Ms. Vogel stated that part of the bid process is being able to provide hotel accommodations. She stated that part of their bid included the local hotels and recreational activities in the area. Mr. Christie made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

V.

Consideration of approval of a request for short-term funding for operation of the air traffic control tower.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that June 4, 2012, was the last day that L-3 Communications would be operating the air traffic control tower. He stated that there were only two options which were to keep it open or let it close. He stated that if it were closed the Airport would go back to being non-towered and there were many changes that would have to be made. He stated that these changes would include changing the radio frequencies for the radio controlled lights and getting the changes on the sectional charts and other aviation publications. He stated that these changes would take about a year to complete. He stated that the tower could remain open if Commissioners Court approved short term funding until September 30, 2012, which is the end of the current fiscal year. He stated that would allow proposals from private companies to be received for the next fiscal year. Mr. Shahan stated that it is desired to request short-term funding since the marketing of the Airport has been geared around having an operational control tower. Mr. Shahan stated that it was being asked that the Board request Commissioners Court to continue funding the control tower until the end of September so that all options can be explored for continuing the operation. There was some discussion on the pros and cons of operating the control tower. Mr. Shahan then explained various funding options for the control tower. Mr. Shahan advised the Board that the cost to fund the control tower until the end of September was approximately \$58,000.00 and long term cost is approximately \$150,000.00 annually. He stated that this would allow the tower to be open eight hours per day with one controller on shift during the week and two controllers on the weekend. There was some discussion on the probability of getting an outside company to operate the tower. Mr. Shahan advised that he felt there was a good possibility to get someone to operate the tower. He stated that since there was a limited amount of time the short term funding would allow operation of the tower until sealed bids could be received. Judge Bynum stated that the question of the control tower be addressed soon. He stated that the control tower was needed to get to the next level and felt that it would be a shame to let it close now. Mr. Benton made the motion to request Commissioners Court to fund the control tower until the end of September. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion. Prior to a vote being taken, Mr. Hankins and Mr. Strange addressed the Board about their opposition to the funding of the control tower. The Board then voted on the motion. All members voted aye.

VI.
Director's Update to include discussion of the Fuel Flowage Report, ATC Operations Report and Thomas Scott Hangar.

Mr. Shahan updated the Board on the fuel flowage report and air traffic control tower operations report.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that Mr. Scott's hangar had been completed.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that Flight-Check would be at the airport that morning performing flight checks. He stated that should everything check out the Airport should be getting new precision LPV approaches for Runway 17L/35R.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that there would be two Bonanza Formation Clinics held at the airport this month. The dates are May 18 through 20, and May 23 through 27, 2012.

Mr. Shahan reminded the Board that the Lone Star Aerobatics Championships would be held May 31 through June 3, 2012.

VI.
Public Comments.


Mr. Hubbard asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Board. At this time, several people spoke in support of having the control tower at the Airport. Those speaking were Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Vogel, Mr. Retz, and Mr. Montgomery.

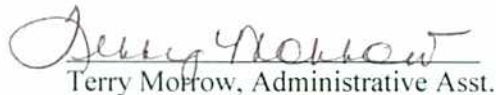
VII.
Adjourn.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30a.m.

VIII.
Next Meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held on June 14, 2012, at 10:00a.m. in the meeting room of the GTUA, 5100 Airport Drive, Denison, Texas.


W. R. Hubbard, Jr.


Terry Morrow, Administrative Asst.