

**GRAYSON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2008**

MEMBER'S PRESENT:

Jerdy Gary, Chairman
Kent Black
Kent Hubbard
Ellis Olmstead
Kay Yandell

MEMBER'S ABSENT:

OTHER'S PRESENT:

Mike Shahan, Director
Doug Norred, MM Aircraft
Noel Paramanathaw, TxDOT
Paul Jennings
John Douglas, Air-1 Flight Support
Wally Johnson, Sherman-Denison MPO
Van Price, Assistant District Attorney
Gene Short, Grayson Co. Commissioner
Drue Bynum, Grayson Co. Judge
Brian Cassidy
Jay Jones

Terry Rogers, RB Airframes
Rod Tatchio, Tatchio & Associates
John Drake
Victor Miller, Air-1 Flight Support
Bob Wood, Sherman-Denison MPO
Joyce Godwin, Herald Democrat
Steve Woolstenhulme, Red River Turbines
William A. Retz, Retz & Associates
Wm. B. (Ben) Munson, Esquire
Craig Curry
Frank Babb

I.

Call to Order.

Jerdy Gary, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. He then opened the meeting by thanking those in attendance for being there. He then recognized Bob Wood and Wally Johnson with the MPO. Mr. Gary asked them if there was anything that the Board needed to know about the toll road. Mr. Wood advised the Board that the district engineer has authorized him to begin discussions with federal highways.

II.

Approval of Minutes of October 31, 2008, Board Meeting.

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

III.

Update from Bill Retz on the Joint Marketing Program between the City of Denison, City of Sherman, and Grayson County.

Mr. Gary advised the audience how fortunate this community and county is to have retirees that are volunteering their services in leadership roles in this county. He then gave some background information and introduced Mr. Bill Retz to the Board. Mr. Retz updated the Board on marketing the Airport. Mr. Gary thanked Mr. Retz for his update and stated that the Board looked forward to future updates. Judge Bynum then asked Mr. Retz to explain who was on the marketing committee. Mr. Retz advised that the marketing committee was comprised of Judge Bynum, Tony Kaai with the DDA, John Boswell with SEDCO, Commissioner David Whitlock, Andy Wilkins, and Rad Richardson. Judge Bynum stated that each entity had contributed \$33,000.00 for each year for the next three years making

this a collaborative effort. Once more, Mr. Gary thanked Mr. Retz for his sharing his expertise and leadership in this venture, along with Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Black and all others who have been a huge asset to this area.

IV.

Briefing on the Grayson County Toll Road Project and Action to Authorize filing of Request for Financial Assistance with TxDOT.

Mr. Gary updated the Board on what had been done on this project to date. Mr. Gary then introduced Mr. Brian Cassidy who is counsel from Austin and is a specialist on transportation issues. He stated that Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Littlefield and Mr. Paramanathaw had all assisted in preparing the application for financial assistance to move forward with the preliminary engineering on the project. He stated that the Board would be asked to approve the Resolution in order to move forward with this project.

Mr. Cassidy advised that this was a concrete step in proceeding with the project. He stated that this would make resources available to begin advancing the project. He stated that this was a two-step consideration process by the Transportation Commission. He stated that the application with the request for financial assistance would be submitted to the Commission. Mr. Cassidy stated that the Board was being asked to approve the authorization to submit the request for financial assistance. He stated that it would go to the Commission and the Commission would authorize their staff to negotiate financial assistance agreement with the RMA. Mr. Cassidy stated that it was the intent today with the Resolution to finalize the application, get it submitted and have it on the Transportation Commission agenda for first consideration in January. He further state that if this was approved, the staff would then negotiate terms of an agreement and hopefully come back as early as February with a final agreement.

Mr. Black asked if you would get approval as you go along for each element of the cost from TxDOT to make sure it qualifies and Mr. Cassidy advised that it could be done one of two ways. He stated that one way was to get pre-approval in advance but this takes some time or you could submit your cost which would then be reviewed by TxDOT for reimbursement. He stated that this issue could be addressed in the agreement with the general engineering consultant and that risk could be transferred to the consultant. Mr. Gary advised the Board that Judge Bynum, Mr. Cassidy, and himself would be meeting with TxDOT officials either before or right after Christmas so that this could be placed on the January agenda for the Texas Transportation Commission to make the presentation.

Mr. Black asked what the financial assistance covered and Mr. Cassidy advised him that it would cover financial analysis, right of way ownership, environmental issues, public involvement, and alternative alignments but that it does not include any construction. Judge Bynum emphasized the amount of work that had been done by the Board and Mr. Cassidy and the amount of money that could be used by Grayson County. Following some open comments from the audience, Mr. Hubbard made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Black seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

V.

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

Pursuant to Government Code Chapter 551.071, the Board of Directors adjourned into executive session with its legal counsel at 10:30a.m. for a consultation with, and to receive advice from, legal counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, and other legal issues, including without limitation possible settlement of dispute with Air-1 Flight Support and pursuant to Section 551.072, the Board of Directors may discuss issues related to the purchase, exchange, lease, license, gift donation, and settlement of real property to be acquired for project right of way.

VI.
Reconvene Regular Session; Action on Executive Session Items.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 11:26a.m. There was no action taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

VII.
Director's Update.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that they had been given a sample of a new letterhead. Mr. Black questioned the phones for the Airport and the RMA and suggested that a line be added specifically for the RMA.

Mr. Gary asked about the highway signs for the Airport. Mr. Shahan stated that he had talked with TxDOT about the signs and was told that the signs could either have the airplane symbol on them or the airport name. It was stated that the airplane would be better than having the incorrect name of the airport on the sign.

Mr. Shahan advised the Board that L-3 Communications would be hosting the grand opening of the air traffic control school at 11:00a.m. on December 27, 2008.

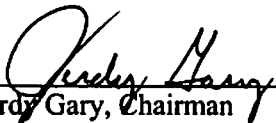
Mr. Shahan updated the Board on the Economic Stimulus package. He stated that the FAA had submitted the 2010 grant to rebuild the runway as part of that package. If approved, the project could be done this next summer and would become a 95/5 grant. He stated that fencing and signage were also being requested under this package.

VIII.
Adjourn.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26a.m.

IX.
Next Meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting will be held on January 8, 2009, at 10:00a.m. in the meeting room of the GTUA, 5100 Airport Drive, Denison, Texas.



Jerdy Gary, Chairman



Terry Morrow, Administrative Asst.