



Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board
Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2017

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Time: 5:00PM

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Rick Taggart, Board Chairman, called the Meeting of the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board to order at 5:04PM on April 27, 2017 in Grand Junction, Colorado and in the County of Mesa.

<p><i>Commissioners Present:</i> Rick Taggart, Chairman Tom Benton Paul Nelson Robin Brown Tim Pollard</p> <p><i>Airport Staff:</i> Ty Minnick Chance Ballegeer, Deputy Clerk</p>	<p><i>Other:</i> Jim Neu, GJRAA Attorney Gary Harmon, Daily Sentinel</p>
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II. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Taggart asked if anyone would make a motion to approve the agenda. Motioned made by Commissioner Nelson, Seconded by Commissioner Benton.

The Agenda was approved.

III. Conflict Disclosures

Commissioner Murray – **Absent**
Commissioner Brown – None
Commissioner Nelson – None
Chairman Taggart – None.
Commissioner Benton – None
Commissioner Pollard – None

IV. Commissioner Comments

None.

V. Motion into Executive Session

Executive session for a conference with the Authority's Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) more specifically Case No. 2016CV30128.

Chairman Taggart asked Commissioner Benton to make a motion to go into executive session.

Commissioner Benton made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Brown Seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes

VI. Adjourn executive session and move into regular board meeting

5:34pm

VII. Citizen Comments

None.

VIII. Action Items

A. Consideration of settlement agreement in Case No. 2016CV30128.

A press release and a draft agreement was given to all commissioners and were up for discussion. Commissioner Pollard asked the chairman to remind him of what the \$92,094 payment was for. Chairman Taggart stated that the payment is for the Remote Transmitter Receiver (RTR) at the airport and that Aviation has in fact done the engineering work and submitted that work in an AIP (Couldn't remember AIP Number) and approved for Grant purposes by the FAA.

Chairman Pollard ask if the Authority has any issues with performance, time performance, quality of work, etc. Chairman Taggart stated that the Authority does not and the Authority plans to use those engineering documents as the foundation for the construction of the RTR.

Chairman Nelson stated that the RTR is an important part of preparing for the new runway, and the new runway would be right where the RTR sits currently. They need to move the RTR north, and that's the reason for this.

Commissioner Pollard asked Chairman Taggart if this task item and payment has anything to do with the uncompleted building on property. Chairman Taggart stated it absolutely does not have anything to do with the building. Taggart stated their claims on payment on the building and our claims on the fence and building have both been released from the agreement and litigation and therefore it cannot come back again.

GJRAA Attorney Jim Neu asked for a clarification, because the FAA is approving the engineering the Authority received and it has value there in participating in portion of the payment, asked if he heard that correctly. Chairman Taggart stated that was correct, when it comes to projects related to the airfield, once they are presented and approved the FAA participates in 90% and local and state participate 10%. Although the state hasn't been participating recently because of budget concerns, so it will be likely the ten percent will be coming from the Authority.

Commissioner Nelson stated that he is really glad to see a joint resolution without any more litigation and that both entities can now proceed.

Commissioner Benton stated that he appreciated the efforts of the Joint Litigation Committee and what they have accomplished, that this concludes litigation matters for the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority that began a few years ago. The settlement agreement is the final element, it accommodates work that has been performed and it eliminates further claims by the parties.

Commissioner Benton moved to approve the settlement agreement in association with Case No. 2016CV30128 and the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority. Commissioner Brown Seconded. Roll Call Vote. Commissioner Pollard: Aye, Commissioner Brown: Aye, Commissioner Benton: Aye, Commissioner Nelson: Aye, Chairman Taggart: Aye

IX. Any other business which may come before the Board

Ty Minnick wanted to make sure that the approval of the settlement agreement also approves the payment, so the airport doesn't have to bring a check in at the next board meeting. Commissioner Benton as well as Attorney Jim New both stated yes, because it's imbedded in the settlement agreement. Commissioner Nelson and Chairman Taggart thanked Mr. Minnick for thinking about that.

Commissioner Benton asked if the Board needs to approve the press release for the settlement agreement. Chairman Taggart stated that the Authority does need to approve the press release, with a modification to it. Chairman Taggart asked GJRAA attorney Jim New to read the modification so it's in the record. Mr. Neu then read the modification.

Commissioner Brown Made a motion to approve the modified Press Release as read by Jim New. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Roll Call Vote. Commissioner Pollard: Aye, Commissioner Brown: Aye, Commissioner Benton: Aye, Commissioner Nelson: Aye, Chairman Taggart: Aye

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Benton seconded. Voice Vote. All Ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Rick Taggart, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Chance Balleger, Deputy Clerk to the Board