

Revised Item VIII. Adjournment (verbiage revision to final paragraph)

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 15, 2007
CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
1020 S. PLANT ROAD
WHEELING, IL 60090
6:30 P.M.**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Dohm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call confirmed the following Directors present: Dohm, Arrigoni, Kolssak, Rooney, Shepstone, Widmer and Wylie.

Directors Absent: None

Also in Attendance Dennis Rouleau – Airport Manager
Jamie Abbott - Assistant Airport Manager
Henry F. Paul, Jr. – Finance Supervisor
Peggy Cooney – Recording Secretary
Thomas Lester – Airport Attorney

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Following roll call Chairman Dohm lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Changes to Agenda

Director Wylie requested to add under Item IX. New Business – B. Management Review Process for 2007. The Airport Manager also requested to clarify Item E. Resolution 07-032 – A Resolution to approve a proposal from Professional Services Industries, Inc. (PSI) for a limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at Chicago Executive Airport before the consent agenda has been approved.

IV. Citizens Comments

1. James Loerzel – Airport Tenant

Mr. Loerzel read a statement citing his interpretation that related to the alleged misconduct and negativity of the July 18, 2007 Chicago Executive Airport Board of Director’s meeting. Below is that official statement:

“During the Last Airport Board meeting there was some dialog between the Directors and I found to be quite disturbing.

If I understood what I heard, Chairman Dohm acting under the direction of the Mayor and Past President of the Municipalities expanded the scope of a contract with Airport Corporation of America thus incurring additional expenses. The Chairman then approved the payment of those expenses. All of these actions were done without the approval of this Board or of the Municipalities Corporate Authorities.

Could anyone refer me to any reference or documentation giving the Mayor, the President or the Chairman the authority to do any of this, either individually or collectively without this Board or the Municipalities Corporate Authorities approval?

The definition of Official Misconduct is improper and / or illegal acts by a public official which violate his or her duty to follow the law and act on behalf of the public good.

I feel that official Misconduct has occurred. It may be unintentional or just an error. But it did occur.

What I found to be disturbing was the way this Board handled the situation. Director Kolssak pointed out the error which was his duty as Treasurer. He then offered two Resolutions to help clarify and prevent this situation from happening in the future. This Board chooses to ignore those recommendations. Three of you voted NO to these suggestions.

What I find most reprehensible is that three of you would vote to not correct the situation and accept official misconduct as a way of doing business at Chicago Executive Airport. You have broken the public trust given to you as Directors. You are no longer fit to serve as Directors of this public board and I ask for your resignations at this time. Thank you.”

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The Airport Manager clarified the change to Item E - Resolution 07-032 - A Resolution to approve a proposal from Professional Services Industries, Inc. (PSI) for a limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at Chicago Executive Airport (should refer to Hangar 4 and not Hangar 14).

A motion was made by Director Shepstone and seconded by Director Arrigoni to approve the remaining items on this evening's Consent Agenda to include:

- Item A – Approval of the Chicago Executive Airport Board of Directors July 18, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes;

- Item B – Resolution 07-029 – A Resolution authorizing the payment of claims;
- Item C – Resolution 07-030 – A Resolution to approve an amendment to the CM&T Construction Phase Engineering Services Agreement to construct Taxiway Charlie;
- Item D – Resolution 07-031 – A Resolution to approve a proposal by MG Design Associates Corp. for the Chicago Executive Airport Exhibit Booth;
- Item E – Resolution 07-032 – A Resolution to approve a proposal form Professional Services Industries, Inc. (PSI) for a limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at Chicago Executive Airport

The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Aye votes included: Directors' Arrigoni, Kolssak, Rooney, Shepstone, Widmer and Wylie. Nay votes: None

VI. Consideration of items removed from the Consent Agenda

None

VII. Hearings and Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the financials and there was no further discussion of this item.

B. Airport Manager – Dennis Rouleau Airport Manager reported:

- ➔ Announced the PAPA picnic and that an invitation was extended to the Board of Directors, the Airport Manager and Assistant Airport Manager.
- ➔ Reported on a recent news article that related to Ken Ross / North American Jet and Very Light Jets (VLJ's)
- ➔ Updated on the 94th AeroSquadron tree obstruction removal project relating to their property
- ➔ Announced there will be a Part 150 Public Hearing scheduled sometime in October, 2007. The day and time will be announced soon.
- ➔ TIPS packet information should be available by the September, 2007 CEA-BOD meeting
- ➔ An update regarding the addition to the W.W. Grainger building (to include the 7460 process and an air space determination)
- ➔ Reported on the status of the Property Tax Issue for the Airport and it's tenants

- Announced this years NBAA convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on the September 24-28 and requested all prospective attendees to contact Kathy Pradd, the Airport Manager's Executive Secretary to make the necessary travel arrangements
- Announced the next IPAA convention will be held September 30 – October 3, 2007 in Galena, Illinois. He further announced there are two slots open for any Director that may wish to attend.
- An update on the removal of the fuel tanks by Signature Flight Support and their coordination with the Airports project of the removal of additional fuel tanks on the property. The Airport Manager further reported to be working with Mark Costa, General Manager of Signature Flight Support on this project.
- An update on the T-Hangar project that has been proposed in the Northeast Quadrant of the Airport
- Responded affirmatively to the inquiry if there is any Stage II Aircraft on the property.

C. Board Member's Comments

- **Director Rooney announced that Director Kolssak will now read a statement that he fully approves.** Below is that official statement:

- **Director Kolssak announced:** “To begin with, I would like to say that it has been a privilege for me to serve on this board over the last two and a half years and have enjoyed working with my constituents. For me, my participation on this board has always been about the airport. I have grown up here, reside here and love this airport. My actions tonight and every night that has passed have always been what I believe to be best for the airport. I am also glad to tell you all that the Village of Wheeling, whom I have been representing, has been in agreement with my positions on virtually every topic to date. I have heard about all of the hopes and dreams of those fellow members of this board and the users. I have heard aspirations of T-hangers, self fueling, grandiose developments, enlarged runway protection zones, better infrastructure and longer runways. These are just a few of the things that have been on the table in my brief stay on this board.

However, I believe that none of these projects will go anywhere unless we make some changes.

I would first like to express my concern once again with the conspicuous absence of the bill from the Airport Corporation of America in the check register this evening. I understand that the bill has been received and has not been approved nor approved by this board for payment. This again is very problematic. However, since this bill has been in the spotlight, I asked Kathy Pradd to produce the bill earlier this week and the details are as follows: \$5,596.25 due

Not so surprising is that there is no participation in any of these consulting meetings from Wheeling. There is much discussion about a 5 year plan, research into the old layout plan from 1989 where the same consultant was used, and land swaps. Hours of time at a rate of \$185 per hour were spent with Mr. Dohm, Mr. Wylie, Rodney Pace and Mike Zimmerman. When are you guys going to ask for input from one of the owners (sponsors) of this airport who has been paying for half of the tab (until now).

I would also like to understand the motivation of the Chairman who is paid a stipend of \$400 per month to spend hundreds of hours working at the Priester office and other secret places in various locations. Is it simply for the betterment of the airport or is there some secret agenda afoot? I would suggest that if it were for the betterment of the airport, we would all know what is going on.

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman seem to be running their own show and have been trying to manipulate the situation to suit their agenda (whatever that may be).

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have kept the airport manager from knowing what is happening and are consistently having conversations that have incurred great liability. One can clearly see those actions have been duly noted by the Village of Wheeling. Allegations such as these are serious and the airport's coffers and reputation are at stake.

It seems that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman's reach has no boundaries. Last Wednesday the Chairman and Vice-Chairman walked into Dennis' office and demanded his resignation along with a promise that things could be done "the easy way" or the "hard way". This bullying has further precipitated another attorney who now sits in this audience to ensure that Dennis' rights are not further violated. This too, will cost the airport money to defend.

What rights do you two have to make those kinds of demands on Dennis?

What right do you both have to even intimate that you can offer him a handsome package if he resigns?

What has given you the belief that you are above the law and can act as arrogantly as you do?

What have you done to your fellow board members to even think that you are remotely right to act the way that you have?

You have no special powers above any of the others, yet you have acted as you have them. You have bullied, lied, manipulated and misled to get to this despicable place where you now both lie.

I am sure that you can see your support structure crumbling and I am sure that chill waters will soon dampen your feet. Come hell or high water your transgressions (however you have justified them) will be brought to light and punished. Please don't allow your arrogance to ruin this airport and the good people who have loved it all these years.

I would ask that you humbly lay down your agendas, admit your eventual defeat and spare the airport of further embarrassment. In other words, I am not asking for any apologies, explanations or arguments, I would only ask that Mr. Dohm tender his resignation immediately and let the communities figure out where to go from here. We can do this the easy way or the hard way....

It is ironically now your choice."

- **Director Rooney** further commented on the authorization for the hiring of Consultant John Kennedy / Airport Corporation of America. He further commented that the Airport should cease using this Consultant and requested no further invoices be approved / presented for payment.
- **The Airport Attorney** responded by offering his explanation / interpretation of the Rules and Duties for the Chairman of the Board as it relates to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). The Airport Attorney stated the powers and duties of the Chairman, the municipalities, the Directors and the Airport Manager are set forth in the IGA and this which governs the conduct of the various parties. Under the IGA, the Chairman is to preside over the Board meetings, break any tied vote, be the spokesperson for the Board on Board action and such other duties as the Board may assign. The Airport Attorney stated he was unaware of any additional duties being delegated to the Chairman by the Board.
- **Director Wylie** responded to Director Rooney's comment relating to the authorization of the hiring of the Consultant John Kennedy / Airport Corporation of America. He further stated all allegations and assertions that have been presented here this evening will be answered in due time at a special hearing and the Board should properly await the outcome of this process.

VIII. Adjournment

Director Kolssak – responded that the balance of this evenings business was *moot* until the meeting between the municipalities has occurred, and made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Chairman Dohm inquired if there was a second, Director Rooney seconded, and with no opposition heard, and several Directors in agreement of adjournment, the meeting officially adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Shepstone
Secretary

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