

### MINUTES OF MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

The March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Bucks County Airport Authority was called to order by Chairman Allen Black at 7:30 p.m. at the Doylestown Airport. Members attending were Beans, Mininger, Scarlett, and Tollini, along with Solicitor Graham.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Scarlett made the motion to accept the minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with the suggested corrections. Mr. Tollini seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### Quakertown Airport FBO

Bob Fowler, of Fowler Aviation, reported that with the bad weather, fuel sales are down and activity has slowed.

#### Quakertown Pilot Association

Mr. Mininger said the new president of the association is Charles Dick, and that he thought that Charles had said he was going to attend this evening's meeting.

#### Doylestown Pilot Association

Joe Newton, of the association, reported the association's website, [dylpilot.org](http://dylpilot.org), is now up with an events calendar included. They also have links to the Authority's website, the FBO's, Warrington Flying Club, the web cam at the airport, AirNav's fuel price page, and airport weather. They have plans to include a photo gallery and chat room.

Joe asked if the Authority had anything to show the preferred runways to use at Doylestown, Quakertown, and Van Sant. He said the association would like to put them on their website. He was given the pamphlet for noise abatement at Doylestown, with Runway 5 as the preferred runway and told that at Quakertown the preferred runway is 29.

Joe said the association will hold a meeting tomorrow night with Carl Gunther talking about the history of Pitcairn Aviation.

Joe asked the status of the runway extension and Chairman Black said the issue is in limbo, but the Authority would love to see the issue worked out.

Engineer's Report

Bill Patrick, of L. Robert Kimball & Associates, reported he anticipates closing out the Quakertown taxiway project in the next couple weeks.

Bill said he and Rick Holes met with Mr. Mininger to look at the properties at Quakertown that the Authority will include in the RW 29 obstruction clearing project for acquiring easements.

Mr. Patrick said plans and reports were submitted to Milford Township and Bucks Co. Conservation District for Verizon's plans for the tech. school property. He said zoning was approved by Milford Township, but notes were received back from the Conservation District. Bill said Kimball is in the process of resubmission to the Conservation District.

Bill said Kimball is working on the tech. school roof replacement bid specifications.

Mr. Mininger made the motion to proceed with requesting the Bureau of Aviation to consider the installation of approximately 500 feet of trench drain along the north side of two hangars at Quakertown Airport, in which the Authority would provide the local share of 50%. Mr. Tollini seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Patrick said the submission of documentation to close out Phase I of the Doylestown Airport stormwater project will be done once Phase II commences. The Authority suggested that the easement work could be done since the easements for both phases will be combined.

Mr. Patrick said Kimball will be submitting a revised plan for Phase II of the stormwater project for approval by the township supervisors. That plan can then be recorded and the preconstruction meeting held, Bill reported.

Bill said the wearing surface will be put on the Doylestown access road after the work in the weir is done as part of Phase II of the stormwater project.

Bill said Kimball has arranged a tentative meeting with the Bureau of Aviation at Doylestown on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Patrick said Bill Mitchell, of the Parks Department, would like to use his workforce to perform the obstruction removal at Van Sant Airport and spread it out over some extended time. Kimball will prepare a plan and schedule for the obstruction work and run it by PennDOT.

Bill said he is working with the administrators and all documentation necessary for the Van Sant runway regrading project will be submitted to the Bureau by this Friday for consideration of a grant.

Administrators' Reports

Financial:

Treasurer Mininger recommended accepting the financial report as submitted and paying all bills presented including additional bills totaling \$90,747.29. He reported bills paid from the operating account in February was \$57,469.44, while bills paid from the project account in February was \$10,111.23.

Mr. Scarlett made the motion to accept the financial report and pay all bills presented. Mr. Beans seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Nick and Robert Ciccone of Nimaris Construction were present and requested payment of two outstanding invoices for the access road construction project and materials for the stormwater project at Doylestown Airport. Chairman Black told them the Authority has not received payments for these grant projects yet, but understands their request and asked them if the Authority pays them for one bill of \$88,000. would they wait for the other bill until reimbursement was received. They said that would be acceptable.

Mr. Scarlett made the motion to pay Nimaris Construction's bill of \$88,000. for the Doylestown access road project. Mr. Tollini seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Administrative

Mrs. Raterman said a meeting was held with to make plans for the Doylestown Airport May open house and 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and efforts are underway to get historical memorabilia for the event.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Graham reported that he has been working with Buckingham Township to provide further documentation for the Phase II Stormwater project at Doylestown.

Chairman Black asked that an executive session be held this evening to discuss the Buckingham Township litigation.

Quakertown Airport Subcommittee

John Mininger said proposals have been received for the grass cutting this season and he would like to discuss this work with Fowler Aviation because the area has changed since last year. Mr. Mininger made the motion authorizing the Quakertown subcommittee to award the grass cutting contract at a cost no more than 10% more than the 2007 contract. Mr. Scarlett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mininger reported the VASI's should be back in service by early next week.

Mr. Fowler said the AWOS is out of service because the transmitter is not operating.

Doylestown Airport Subcommittee

Mr. Tollini said the Overholt II and Hughes building demolition project will need to be bid out and asked Kimball to provide the cost to prepare the specifications. He said they would like to be able to open the bids in time to award at the May meeting.

The administrators were asked to send the response letter to Susan Goff.

Mr. Krapf asked what the status of receiving the grant for the Hughes property acquisition and he was told to contact PennDOT to check on the status.

Public Comments

Mr. Mininger said the Aviation Council of PA and AOPA are opposed to the proposed PA legislation for a two lock rule for aircraft.

The Authority moved to executive session at 8:36 p.m.

The public meeting was reopened at 9:10 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. was made by Mr. Scarlett, seconded by Mr. Beans, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen B. Raterman  
Administrator