

MINUTES OF AUGUST 12TH, 2009

The August 12th, 2009 meeting of the Bucks County Airport Authority was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Allen Black. Members attending were Beans, Mininger and Tollini, along with Solicitor Graham.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of July 8th, 2009 were accepted with a motion made by Mr. Mininger, seconded by Mr. Beans, and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Black reported that the Quakertown Airport runway reconstruction project is underway, with the runway being closed as of yesterday afternoon.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Quakertown Airport

Bob Fowler, of Fowler Aviation, said the flight school is going strong despite the runway project. He reported fuel sales were strong last month. He said a Cherokee 140 has been added to the flight school and a Cessna 150 is being added soon, he further said the school has 2 full-time instructors and 2 part-time instructors. Bob said he hopes to add a twin Comanche and the flight school has applied for Part 141 certification. He said they also plan to acquire Part 135 certification.

Bob said he expects the new card reader to arrive this week.

Quakertown Pilot Association

Mr. Mininger said there will be a Young Eagle's Day this Saturday at Quakertown.

Doylestown Pilot Association

Rick Hadden, of the association, reported the pilots will be applying weed killer to the pavement areas this Saturday.

He said they are planning for the August picnic honoring Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County.

Rick said they are planning a fly-in breakfast on September 19th and offering a safety program, complete with door prizes.

Engineer's Report

Bill Patrick, of L. Robert Kimball & Associates, reported that the Authority may be able to get a grant for the remaining costs associated with the Quakertown taxiway project.

Bill said there are remaining items to be addressed for the Quakertown RW 29 obstruction project before receiving the grant.

Solicitor Graham said he met with the Alburger's and they have accepted the offer for the easement on their property that is adjacent to the Quakertown Airport. Solicitor Graham said title search is being done and he has drafted the resolution for the Authority's execution.

Mr. Mininger made the motion to adopt the resolution to acquire an easement on the Alburger property for \$14,000. in lieu of condemnation. Mr. Tollini seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Mininger made the motion authorizing Solicitor Graham to conclude the easement acquisition with the Alburger's and pay them \$14,000. Mr. Beans seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bill said there will not be enough money in the RW 29 grant to do the entire base bid and alternate bid clearing, but there should be enough to clear the approach, acquire the Alburger easement, clear the Alburger easement and some of the transition. Bill said Kimball will develop a plan that shows that clearing area.

Mr. Beans made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mininger, to accept the grant for the Quakertown hangar modification grant and accept the local share of \$53,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill said he will set up a preconstruction meeting for the Quakertown hangar modification project.

Bill said the first job conference for the Quakertown RW project was held today with FAA in attendance. He said the conferences will be held every two weeks.

Bill asked if the Authority would consider donating the VASI units that they have in storage to Carlisle Airport. The Authority said they are not compatible with the remaining VASI at Doylestown, so Carlisle is welcome to pick them up.

Mr. Patrick said he will follow up on the Quakertown 5010 response, as well as Van Sant's 5010.

Bill said he and Paul met with Knight Engineering to investigate the ponding along the Doylestown taxiway and agreed to have a soil sample done to determine why it is not draining.

Mr. Patrick said Kimball will be revising the engineering supplement for the Hughes/Overholt demolition project. Mr. Tollini made the motion to award the demolition contract to Schultz Demolition for the Overholt/Hughes project, subject to the Authority receiving a grant that would provide the necessary funds for the project. Mr. Beans seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Black asked members to discuss reorganizing the priority of items in the Doylestown 12 year plan in focus on developing the northeast ramp while placing the runway extension request further down the list.

Administrators' Reports

Financial:

Treasurer Beans recommended accepting the financial report as submitted and paying all bills presented including additional bills totaling \$140,867. He reported bills paid in July from the projects account was \$60,330.92, while bills paid from the operations account in July was \$45,041.73. Mr. Tollini made the motion to accept the financial report and pay all bills presented. Mr. Mininger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Tollini made the motion, seconded by Mr. Beans, to have Solicitor Graham file a complaint in district court should a past Doylestown hangar tenant not respond to Solicitor Graham's letter within the time frame he was given. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tollini made the motion directing Solicitor Graham to execute the judgment against a Doylestown tenant so as not to jeopardize any future claim. Mr. Beans seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Administrative:

Mrs. Raterman reported that she is working with the pilot association in planning for the August picnic. She said the pilot association helped with an airport visit by the Doylestown Mom's group.

Mrs. Raterman said Cabin Communications will have the Quakertown stimulus project on the Authority's website very soon.

Mr. Mininger made the motion to request release of Capital Budget funds for the acquisition of the Vo. Tech. School through the JACIP program. Mr. Beans seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The 5010 report was done for Van Sant Airport and Kimball will prepare the response to the report, Mr. Patrick said.

Mrs. Raterman informed the Authority that they have received tentative allocation notices for obstruction removal on RW 29 at Quakertown, removal of obstructions on RW 11 approach and easements at Quakertown, and conduct supplemental EA and hearings at Doylestown. Kimball was asked to prepare an engineering agreement for the Quakertown RW 11 project. Chairman Black asked that the EA project at Doylestown be discussed at the September meeting.

Quakertown Airport

Mr. Mininger asked that Leading Edge be paid \$30. for the taxiway reflectors.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. was made by Mr. Mininger, seconded by Mr. Tollini, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen B. Raterman, Administrator

