

The regular monthly meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority was held July 8, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the Airport Conference Room. Board members present were Richard Roehm, John McKenna, Yvonne Jarrett and Steve Williamson. The County Commissioners haven't appointed a new member yet. Also present were Ted Mathis, Airport Director, Brian Sprenger, Assistant Director and Cherie Ferguson, Clerk.

The first agenda item was to open bids for the new fire truck. Three companies submitted bids: Oshkosh Truck Corp. from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, E-One Corp. from Ocala, Florida, and General Safety Equipment of Wyoming, Minnesota. All submitted bid bonds. Oshkosh Truck bid \$523,591.00; E-One Corp. bid \$510,435.00 and General Safety (Rosenbauer-General Div.) bid \$531,570.00. Richard Roehm moved to take the bids under advisement and accept the bid from the lowest qualified bidder. The motion, which was seconded, carried.

The second agenda item was to review and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 10, 2004. John McKenna moved to accept the minutes as mailed; the motion was seconded and passed

The third agenda item was the public comment period. There were no public comments.

The fourth agenda item was to consider the request by Central Copters, Inc. to provide fuel sales. The Board has requested that Jim Goetz represent the Gallatin Airport Authority. The Board hasn't had an opportunity to meet with him and he wasn't able to attend the meeting. The agenda item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

The fifth agenda item was to consider the request to transfer the Non-Commercial Hangar Ground Lease for hangar #63 to Valley Bank of Belgrade. Ted Mathis said that Valley Bank has acquired this hangar and has agreed to all the conditions of the new lease

agreement. Mr. McKenna moved to transfer the lease for hangar #63 to Valley Bank. The motion was seconded and approved.

The sixth agenda item was to consider the request by Mr. Tom LeRoy to transfer his Non-Commercial Hangar Ground Lease to Mr. Monte Beck. Mr. Mathis said that Mr. LeRoy has moved to Florida and doesn't know how long he will be there. He would like to transfer his lease agreement to Mr. Beck. Mr. McKenna made a motion to transfer the lease from Mr. Tom Leroy to Mr. Monte Beck. The motion carried.

The seventh agenda item was to consider the request by Mr. Greg Mecklenburg to transfer his Non-Commercial Hangar Ground Lease to Big Sky Jet, Inc. Mr. Mathis said that when Mr. Mecklenburg sold Sunbird Aviation, he kept the hangar. He would like to transfer the lease agreement to his new corporation. Mr. McKenna moved to transfer the lease agreement from Greg Mecklenburg to Big Sky Jet, Inc. The motion was seconded and passed.

The eighth agenda item was election of officers. Yvonne Jarrett nominated John McKenna for the position of Vice-Chairman. His nomination was approved. Steve Williamson agreed to serve again as Chairman and Yvonne Jarrett agreed to be the Secretary-Treasurer for the upcoming year.

The ninth agenda item was the report on passenger boardings and flight operations – Brian Sprenger. Mr. Sprenger reported that in June there were 459 air carrier operations, 990 air taxi, 2,392 general aviation (GA) itinerant and 18 military, for a total of 3,859 itinerant operations. Local GA operations were 2,543, for a total of 6,402 tower operations in June, down 6.49% from June a year ago. There were 164 landings of aircraft over 12,500 pounds, up 10.07% from June 2003. Even though tower operations were down from June a year ago, it was still the 8th busiest month since the tower opened.

Mr. Sprenger reported that passenger boardings were very strong at 27,267, up 17.6% from June a year ago. Year to date is up 8.1% compared to the same period in 2003. July is expected to be strong as well.

Mr. Roehm said he was very impressed with the configuration that Mr. Sprenger initiated and put through for the ticket counter and passenger baggage screening arrangement. He said it is very efficient and thanked Mr. Sprenger for his efforts.

Ms. Jarrett said the GA ramp construction appears to be moving along very well without much disturbance, and it is going better than she anticipated.

The tenth agenda item was the Director's Report – Ted Mathis. Mr. Mathis had a short video presentation showing the recent changes and improvements in the terminal building, the GA ramp construction, the new high-intensity runway lights, the new power vault and other construction taking place on the airport property. Mr. Mathis reported that the new Jetway installation is planned for the 19th.

The eleventh agenda item was to consider the bills and approve for payment. After review and discussion, Mr. McKenna moved to pay the bills. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.



Steven H. Williamson, Chairman