

CHARLOTTE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 5, 2012- 9:00 A.M.

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1. Call to Order

Chair Coppola read the meeting notice into the record (copy attached).

10 **2. Invocation**

Commissioner Herston gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

15 **4. Roll Call**

Present: Chair Coppola; Commissioners Herston, Lee and Seay; Executive Director Quill and Assistant Director Parish. **Others present:** Paul Andrews. **Absent:** Commissioner Stasko and Attorney Garrard.

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5. Citizen's Input

None.

6. Accept FAA Grant

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Commissioner Lee made the motion to accept the FAA grant. Commissioner Herston seconded. Mr. Parish explained that this is for several items that the Authority has been working on for the past year and a half. He explained it includes the design of the entrance roads and exit to the terminal. Commissioner Seay asked for more information. Mr. Parish explained that Viking Avenue, where it turns, will be realigned so it goes straight into the terminal. If you want to go to the parking there will be a definite entrance into the parking lot. He explained that the design fees for that section was \$194,000 of which \$108,000 will be FAA eligible with \$43,000 FDOT funding and \$43,000 Airport Authority funding. He commented that the Authority had originally gone out for design/build services and the FAA denied it so the Authority went out for design/bid/build and Halfacre Construction was the low bidder. He explained that construction of the base bid is \$370,000, 90% FAA and 10% split between the FAA and the Authority. He explained that Alternate 1 includes the pipes that will connect the long term parking lot to the field, just to the south of it, to be used for overflow parking at a cost of \$68,000. That is 50/50 between the Authority and FDOT. He explained that the Authority is also designing the terminal expansion for a total of \$520,000 which is split 90% 5% and 5%. He commented that the Authority had a sandhill crane ingested in a 737 last year and once you have a triggering event, you have to do a Wildlife Hazard Assessment. He explained it's a thirteen month process where you have a wildlife biologist come and stand in certain spots on the airport to look at the wildlife and they will write and give the Authority an assessment. It will state the Authority is doing fine or

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5 there is a wildlife problem. If there is a problem, then the Authority will have to do a
Wildlife Hazard Plan. He commented that staff works diligently to keep the birds off of
the airport. He commented that it is very unusual to have a sandhill crane ingested at
night because they are not out at night. He explained that the plane landed fine. Chair
10 Coppola asked if the people will stand on the runway. Mr. Parish explained that a wildlife
biologist will stand on the airport thirteen times. He explained that they pick locations on
the airport and stand there and write down what wildlife they see. He explained and they
do it throughout the year at the positions that they feel is right. Commissioner Seay asked
when the thirteen months will be over. Mr. Parish explained that the project will probably
15 be started in the next 30 days. It can't be started until the grant is issued. Chair Coppola
commented that she would be interested to know how many birds have gotten ingested
into aircraft. Mr. Parish explained that there is a wildlife data base of bird strikes on the
FAA website. He explained that if there is a bird strike and the bird is recovered, it is sent
to the Smithsonian for analysis and they run the database. He commented that URS is
20 doing the environmental and RW Armstrong is the designers for the site work. He stated
that the total is \$1.316 million with \$130,000 from the Authority, \$130,000 from FDOT
and \$1.055 million from the FAA. **Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Adjournment

20 Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

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Kathleen Coppola, Chair

Gary Stasko, Secretary/Treasurer