

The Seven hundred and sixty-fifth meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Worcester Regional Airport Terminal Building.

Members present were: Chairman James Delehaunty, Commissioners Joe Zwirblia, Tom Reynolds and Patsy SantaMaria.

Also present were: Mr. Doug Robinson, Swissport, Mr. David Emerson, Emerson Aviation, Mr. Eric Waldron, Airport Director and Mr. Philip Niddrie, Airport Liaison.

Chairman Delehaunty opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of the Monday February 11, 2008 meeting -

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Zwirblia, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

2. Report of the Commission Chairman – Covered under other areas.

6. New Business – Taken out of order –

New Flight School: Chairman Delehaunty advised that staff had, earlier that day, received a letter from Doug Robinson, General Manager, Swissport indicating that Emerson Aviation wants to operate a flight school at Worcester Regional Airport. The Chair indicated that Commissioner SantaMaria was active in working with Emerson and Swissport.

Commissioner SantaMaria advised that Emerson intends to rent office space in the Swissport lobby to operate their school utilizing new Cessna aircraft. The Commissioner and Mr. Robinson requested that we bring the matter before the Commission tonight for approval, and further indicated that Emerson will request a License Agreement with the airport to operate their flight school at Worcester. Commissioner SantaMaria then introduced Mr. David Emerson, the owner of Emerson Aviation. In response to questions raised by some Members, Mr. Emerson gave a briefing about his company, which has been in business in Laconia New Hampshire since 1975. The company was started by Mr. Emerson's father; David Emerson took it over in 2003 and has grown it substantially since then. Mr. Emerson was named Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) by FAA in Maine. He indicated that he is excited about operating in Worcester.

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to approve a sublease agreement between Swissport and Emerson Aviation as well in say License Agreement for Emerson Aviation to operate at Worcester, subject to those documents being approved by the City of Worcester and Massport Legal Departments, and to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to execute all documents related thereto. **All in favor, So Voted.**

Board and Commission Member briefing-Conflict of Interest and Ethics Laws - Chairman Delehaunty next introduced Ms. Pam Callahan, from the City Human Resources office. Ms. Callahan indicated that she is reviewing these matters with all of the City Boards and Commission Members, and that is required to be done periodically. She outlined the Conflict of Interest Policies as provided by the state Ethics Commission. Chairman Delehaunty will meet with each individual Commission Member, provide them with copies of the Ethics Regulations and ask each Member to review and sign a document that they received, read and accepted them. If an individual Commissioner has questions on the regulations prior to, or following, signing the document, they are encouraged to contact the State Ethics Commission directly.

3. Commissioner's Reports

- **Marketing – No Report**
- **Aviation - Covered under Flight School item**
- **Master Plan** – The Executive Summary is to be sent to Airport Staff next week. Mr Niddrie will check with the Administration on their plans to distribute it to Airport Commission Members, City Councilors and the public.

4. Reports of the Airport Director

- **Amity Flight School Update-** Amity flight school insurance has expired; Mr. Gullick intends to provide insurance and other documentation for operating a flight school under a different name, possibly as “Blue Yonder”, but not yet definitively determined. So far he has not provided the information.
- **Runway 11 Repair work** - Mr. Waldron reported to the Members that the runway had deteriorated dramatically in the past week or so due to frost, freezing and thawing and rain and that Massport's Engineering Department determined that approximately 3000 linear feet of cracks needed to be repaired. Estimated cost is \$150,000.
- **AIP Update** – The President signed an extension of the old AIP program, at 75% of the old funding level. The immediate impact is that we will see funding for the EMAS project, in most likely for our small security project, since that was funded with old money, but funding for the Runway 11 project will likely not come in the first dispersement of federal funding. There is so much uncertainty surrounding the program, that it is unclear specifically what will be funded and when it will be funded.
- **Aviation Journal proposed event-** Staff has been in discussion with Swissport about the possibility of holding an event at ORH that would be sponsored by Aviation Journals and Porsche, on June 19. This would be an invitation only event to market high-end aircraft and Porsche automobiles to 6-800 guests. The event would be held rain or shine, and would involve static displays of 20+/- aircraft as well as an undetermined number of tabletop displays from aviation support vendors and 6-8 Porsche automobiles, some of which would be on display and some would be available for potential customers to drive. It would last from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

5. Old Business –

The next meeting date is April 14, 2008.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner SantaMaria, to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Eric N. Waldron, A.A.E., ACE
Airport Director and
Clerk of the Commission