

The Seven Hundred and seventy eighth Meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, June 8, 2009, at 7:18 PM in the Conference Room at the Worcester Regional Airport. (A tour of the runways began at 6:30 by Commissioners Zwirblia and Delehaunty)

Members present were: Chairman Joseph Zwirblia, Vice Chairman Pat SantaMaria, Commissioners James Delehaunty, and Eric Neirenberg.

Also present were:, Andrew Davis, Airport Director, Phil Niddrie, Airport Liaison, Adam Whitman, Frasca Associates and Edward Buckner, Progressive Energy Alternatives

Chairman Zwirblia called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2009 Meeting - (no May '09 meeting was held) - Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Delehaunty, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 Meeting. All in favor - So Voted.

- **Solar Panel Update-** Mr. Whitman and Mr. Buckner were allowed to address the Commission out of order regarding an interest they may have to take a look at potential locations at the airport to install solar energy. There was general discussion about the potential for solar energy at the airport and the guests were informed that Worcester and Massport were in the process of reviewing the potential as well and they would be added to our list of firms who would receive the public proposal from Worcester.

2. Report of Commission Chairman –

- It was requested by Chairman Zwirblia to have the Commission send a congratulatory letter to former Airport Director Eric Waldron congratulating him on his appointment as the new Airport Director at Bradley Field in Hartford, Conn. On a motion by Commissioner Delehaunty and seconded by Commissioner SantaMaria, it was unanimously approved to have Chairman Zwirblia sign a letter on behalf of the Commission.

3. Reports of Airport Director –

- **EMAS For Runway 11 Update:** Contracts have been awarded and the documents will be signed this month for work to begin in late summer to install the EMAS at the 11 end of Runway 11/29.
- **Potential For Another Porsche Event in June:** No news at this time except that the event coordinators are having issues obtaining sponsors and the event may be held in September, but we should get an update in another month.
- **Request from Mirage Express for a Beer and Wine License:** The commission was informed that the local and state boards approved the license for Mirage Express for a full liquor license rather than a beer/ wine only (the application was for just beer and wine as approved by the Commission) and we will continue to work with Mirage Express in their efforts to open the facility. They still intend to begin with just beer and wine.
- **Massport Board of Director's Meeting in Worcester-** This meeting will be held on May 20th. Part of the meeting is Executive Session and part is public. The Commission is invited

to attend the public session set to begin after the Executive Session- approximately 10:30 AM.

- **Interior Improvements To The Terminal-** Staff has been working with the Convention Bureau and others at Massport to get some displays in the Terminal of Worcester and Central Massachusetts. Commissioners will begin to see those displays in the near future.

4. **Old Business –**

- **Status of Budget for '09:** Mr. Niddrie reported that the budget proposed by the City Manager was voted unanimously by the City Council. However, following that vote all departments were informed there could be further cuts in the future following the final vote on the State budget later this month.
- **State Transportation Bond Bills:** Director Davis and Mr. Niddrie reviewed the three versions of the Transportation reorganization plans for the state. Two of them (Governor's and House versions) have two paragraphs about the possible sale/ transfer acquisition of the Worcester Regional Airport by Massport. The Senate version is silent on the issue. The conference committee to determine the draft has been proposed, but not yet announced. Timing is still toward the end of the month, but before the state budget is enacted.

4. **New Business-**

- **Tour of Runway-** Took place at 6:30 by Commissioners Zwirblia and Delehaunty
- **Trail Blazer Signs to/from the Airport-** Director Davis reviewed the plans to have Massport produce trail blazer signs for a variety of roads leading to /from the airport which will be installed by the City. The first roadways to get the new signs are the Pleasant / Highland route to / from 290.
- **New Parking Violation Rates-** The City of Worcester has adopted new parking violation rates (attached) and the Commission needs to approve them in order to have new tickets produced for the Airport. On a motion by Commissioner SantaMaria and seconded by Commissioner Delehaunty, the motion to accept the new rates was approved unanimously.

5. **Adjournment – 8:33 PM**

Philip J. Niddrie
Clerk of the Commission