

The Seven hundred and seventieth meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, August 11, 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. Eric Waldron, Airport Director and Mr. Philip Niddrie, Airport Liaison.

Chairman Delehaunty opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of the Monday July 14, 2008 meeting -

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Zwirblia, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

2. Report of the Commission Chairman –

Chairman Delehaunty reported that he signed a letter requesting a second extension of the DOT Small Communities Marketing Grant. The request was supported by a letter signed by Congressman McGovern and Senators Kennedy and Kerry. We expect to have a response to the extension request on or about the Grant expiration date, September 10'th.

3. Commissioner's Reports

- **Marketing – No Report**
- **Aviation - No Report**
- **Master Plan –** The plan was completed and forwarded to the City Manager and City Council.

4. Reports of the Airport Director

- **EMAS and Runway 11-29 (3000') reconstruction projects–** The intended start date for these projects is August 15'th.

Mr. Waldron reported that 2 photo shoots had occurred at the airport, for Saucony running shoes and Progressive Insurance. He also advised that the Skid School would be operating at the airport again this weekend.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

- **Authorization to apply for and accept FAA grant to pre-purchase EMAS blocks for Runway 11 project for next year's construction – Vote needed**
- **Authorization to apply for and accept MAC grant to pre-purchase EMAS blocks for Runway 11 project for next year's construction – Vote needed**

Airport Director Eric Waldron reported that the FAA contacted us last week indicating that they are willing to make funds available to pre-purchase EMAS blocks for the 11 end of Runway 11/29. The installation of these blocks is not scheduled until the spring of 2009, however the funds to pre-purchase them are available at this time. Mr. Waldron indicated that the matching share would come from the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC). Airport staff has also prepared a request for similar votes on this issue for the next City Council agenda, for their

approval. The City Manager has agreed to recommend acceptance of the FAA and MAC grants to the Council.

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to apply for and accept a grant from FAA for the pre-purchase of EMAS blocks for the 11 end of Runway 11/29 project, scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2009, and to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to execute all documents related to this grant. **All in favor - So Voted.**

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to apply for and accept a grant from the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC) for the pre-purchase of EMAS blocks for the 11 end of Runway 11/29 project, scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2009, and to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to execute all documents related to this grant. **All in favor - So Voted.**

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 8, 2008.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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