

The Seven Hundred and seventy seventh Meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, April 13, 2009, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room at the Worcester Regional Airport.

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

Also present were: Andrew Davis, Airport Director, Phil Niddrie, Airport Liaison and Joseph Louis, operator of Mirage Express in the Terminal Building

Chairman Zwirblia called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**1. Approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2009 Meeting - (no March '09 meeting was held) -**

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Delehaunty, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2009 Meeting. All in favor - So Voted.

**2. Report of Commission Chairman -**

- No Report

**3. Reports of Airport Director –**

- **EMAS For Runway 11 Update:** 15 Contractors showed for the pre bid conference. Not ready to announce low bidder. Still reviewing submittals. However, bids were lower than expected.

- **Potential For Another Porsche Event in June:** Initial preparations have begun, but still no confirmation of a date. We are presently looking at a June time frame.

- **Hangar # 2 Roof Replacement:** We have had three firms look at the potential for covering the roof with a rubberized product. Responses expected in the next week or so. Following that, we will need to prepare a formal bid.

**4. Old Business -**

- **Solar Panel Discussion:** Director Davis and Mr. Niddrie gave an overview of the discussions they have had with the City of Worcester, Leicester and Massport Officials. The process remains the same, we are intending on doing an RFP for any site(s) that are finally agreed upon between the three impacted parties (City, Leicester and Massport). The size of the site will also be determined as we proceed through the draft of the RFP.

- **Status of Budget for '09:** Mr. Niddrie reported that the budget proposed by the City Manager had really not changed much from last year except there are more funded positions due to the new Direct Air Service which started in November. Director Davis reported he is reviewing the budget and is preparing for the Budget hearing at City Council.

- **Request from Mirage Express for a Beer and Wine License:** (Taken first by the commission and out of order from the agenda)

Joseph Louis was present to request the Commission consider a letter of support to the Worcester License Board allowing Mirage Express to be approved for a Beer and Wine License for their second floor space. There was a strong expression of support from the Commission

and no opposition. A letter was read to the Commission and approved. On a motion by commissioner Santa Maria and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, the motion to send a letter of support to the License board was approved unanimously.

- **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. There will be a Conference Committee which will review the three versions and come up with a new Transportation bill to be voted by the House and Senate and go for the Governor Patrick's signature sometime in the near future –possibly by the end of June.

#### **4. New Business-**

- **Agreement with Verizon Wireless For Placement of Antenna on the Roof of The Terminal Building:** The Commission was presented a proposal from the City and Massport to locate antenna on the roof of the terminal. This lease would be for 5 years with three additional 5 –year terms if mutually agreed upon. There would be an initial lease cost of \$24,000 per year from Verizon and it would increase 7.5 % in each of the additional terms. On a motion by Commissioner Santa Maria and seconded by Commissioner Delehaunty the item was approved unanimously.

#### **5. Adjournment – 7:55 PM**

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Philip J. Niddrie  
Clerk of the Commission