

**LAWTON METROPOLITAN AREA AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 23, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Larry Benson. The agenda along with the time and place of the meeting was posted in accordance with State Law.

**PRESENT:**

Carey Johnson, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Stanley Haywood, Secretary  
Cassandra Lawson-Johnson, Asst. Secretary  
Jack Johnson, member  
John Drenzo, member  
Richard Campbell, member

**ABSENT:**

Larry Benson  
Steve Gilkeson  
George Moses

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Barbara McNally, Airport Manager	Chuck Wade, Airport Attorney
Pat Hurley, Administrative Asst.	Tim Snyder, Regional Air
Ray Cunningham, Regional Air	Ron Mayer, TSA
Kim McConnell, Lawton Constitution	Doug Bradford, TSA

The roll call confirmed that a quorum was present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes** - Benson asked for additions and/or corrections to the minutes of the Airport Authority meeting of July26, 2005.

**MOTION BY C. Johnson, SECOND BY Lawson-Johnson,** to approve the minutes of the meeting on July26, 2005. AYES: C. Johnson, Lawson-Johnson, J. Johnson, Drenzo, Haywood, Campbell. NAYES: None. MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS FROM MANAGERS OF AIRPORT BUSINESSES**

**a) American Eagle** – Christine Davis said there was an editorial in the paper concerning a recent diversion to the Wichita Falls airport when there was a problem with the runway lights. Davis said this was a situation where safety was the first priority and none of the passengers that she spoke to had a problem with that. Davis said

that the lights were repaired and operational for the next flight in.

**b) Regional Air-** No report given.

**c) TSA** – Doug Bradford announced that the Lawton Fort Sill Regional Airport will be transferred to the Federal Security Director in OKC starting mid-September. McNally said that nation wide TSA has started a realignment program that has moved smaller airport under the control of larger neighboring airports.

**d)Lawton Air Traffic Control Tower-** No report given.

**e) Fort Sill Transportation** – Jim Beazer reported he had to divert a plane to OKC that was having a mechanical problem, because of the lack of an air start in Lawton. Beazer said that he has rectified that situation and have air starts on order for any future problems.

#### **LEASING COMMITTEE (Carey Johnson, Committee Chair)**

**a) Request for Proposal** - C. Johnson said the committee is working on the RFP for FBO services. C. Johnson said that even once this RFP is out, this process will still take some time probably several months.

#### **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Cassandra Lawson-Johnson, Committee Chair)**

**a) AIP 20 – Taxiway Reconstruction and Lighting Project** - Lawson-Johnson said the Taxiway A is open and the contractor is completing the electrical work. McNally said that it has come to her attention that the new taxiway lighting system is being connected to the block house by the existing wiring, which is 20 years old. McNally said the concern is that the taxiway lighting has doubled from centerline to edge lining and that the old wiring may cause a problem. McNally said that the engineer is working with the contractor on a change order that will replace the old wiring to the block house.

**b) AIP 21- Drainage Improvements, Engineering Design for GA Apron, Taxiway G and connecting Taxiways project, Design of Equipment Building and Update of Pavement Maintenance Plan.** Lawson-Johnson said the FAA has submitted the grant agreement in the amount of \$781,850.00. The Authority will need to consider approving and executing the grant agreement. Lawson-Johnson said the City of Lawton will be considering this grant agreement at its meeting this evening.

**MOTION BY HAYWOOD, SECOND BY J. JOHNSON, to** approve accepting the grant agreement for AIP 03-40-0051-21 in the amount of \$781,850.00. AYES: C. Johnson, Lawson-Johnson, J. Johnson, Drenzo, Haywood, Campbell. NAYES: None. MOTION CARRIED.

**c) Sterling Project –**

**1) Hangar Painting** - Lawson-Johnson said this project is complete.

**2) Parking Lot Project** - Lawson-Johnson said the committee is working with the Finance committee to fund this project. J. Johnson said he is working on a requirement from CCIDA on a request for a grant or loan. J. Johnson said the project includes a separate entrance and parking lot on the west side of the hangar to keep Sterling's

traffic off the active taxiway.

## **AIRPORT MANAGERS REPORT (Barbara McNally)**

**a) Financial Reports** – McNally directed the members of the financial statement on the right side of the folder. Purchase Orders were in the amount of \$46,214.60 from the operating account and \$120,824.86 in Capital Improvements. Account balances were as follows: Operating Account balance (Per reconciliation) \$20,182.52, Money market Account (per reconciliation) \$185,103.67, Invested in c.d., \$150,000.00 plus accumulating interest, Imprest Fund (per reconciliation) \$2003, 04, PFC's (per reconciliation) \$54,156.39, Capital Improvements (per reconciliation) \$13,413.85.

**MOTION BY LAWTON-JOHNSON, SECOND BY J. JOHNSON,** – to approve the financial reports and expenses on the purchase orders as submitted. AYES: C. Johnson, Lawson-Johnson, J. Johnson, Drenzo, Haywood, Campbell. NAYES: None. MOTION CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**a). Robert S. Johnson** – Jack Johnson said in November 25, 2003 the Authority approved naming the terminal building after Robert S. Johnson. Johnson said the Authority approved the naming at no expense to the Authority and the project was turned over to Ray Cunningham at Regional Air. At a later date, Cunningham submitted to the Authority the lettering type and plaque design for approval. Johnson said to date this project has not been done. Johnson said he asked representatives from the museum for assistance with this project and locating some of Robert S. Johnson artifacts in the terminal. Johnson said the museum has a supplier that has submitted a cost estimate for the lettering and plaque. Johnson said it is his recommendation that the Authority take responsibility for this project and do a dedication ceremony maybe in conjunction with the ribbon cutting of the Leadership Lawton "Welcome to Lawton" sign. Johnson said that he has collected \$1,000.00 toward this project from a local donation.

Johnson said Robert S. Johnson will be inducted into the Military Hall of Fame this year and he plans to attend the ceremony.

**MOTION BY J. Johnson, SECOND BY R. Campbell,** to approve the Robert S. Johnson terminal naming project be taken over by the Authority and the Authority fund the lettering which will be placed on the wall south of the terminal, plaque and construction of the display area in the terminal. Also, the dedication is held during a Business after Hour event at the airport.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Benson, Chairman