

RICHLAND-LEXINGTON AIRPORT DISTRICT
Finances, Contracts & Planning Committee Meeting
June 20, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m. Carolina Room
REVISED Draft Minutes

Attendance

David Jordan, Chairman; James Whitmire; Dan Bell; Jim Wellman; Breon Walker (Zoom); Carol Fowler; Sarah Johnson

Absent

Pat Smith

Guests

Anton Gunn; John Folsom

Staff

Mike Gula; Gregg Hornsby; Frank Murray; Ryan Kreulen; Josh Davis; Jessica Foster; Lynne Douglas (Secretary)

1. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Wellman made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Committee Minutes of May 16, 2022

Mr. Bell made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

3. Paradies Contract Extension

Mr. Gula reported that Paradies has asked for a ten year extension of their contract due to expire in 2026 and they plan to spend \$1.2 million in capital expenditures to upgrade their operation. Mr. Gula expressed that Paradies will have served CAE for 36 years should their contract be extended. He said there are other vendors that provide this service and that it's a good idea to issue either a RFQ or RFP every so often so as not to show favoritism. He reminded that there are other tenants whose contracts will be expiring at that same time and that now is the time to begin planning if we want to pursue new ideas. Staff is currently working on research to define what the traveling public wants at CAE. Current research shows 51% of those that use CAE are under the age of 35 years. Mr. Gula advised this is an update and no action is needed at this time.

4. Apron Project/McClam & Associates/WK Dickson

Mr. Murray reported that the FAA requires a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) across the airport and they are pressing to get all our pavements to a certain standard. The apron is old pavement and, per the PCI score, requires replacement. Phase 1 of the project will replace the apron on Delta's side and Phases 2 and 3 will be on the American side. There are also areas of concern on some of the taxiways. Staff is conducting a planning study on the taxiway improvements that will prompt the next round of rehabilitation projects. Four bids were received for the apron project.

Committee Chairman Jordan stated that McClam & Associates were 49% lower on their bid from the second bidder. He asked Mr. Murray who provides their concrete paving work. Mr. Murray said that he would provide that information as well as the references for the contractor to the committee. He said they did note the difference and spoke with McClam about it. Chairman Jordan said the FAA is tough on asphalt, grading, and concrete and he wants the project to be successful. Mr. Wellman made the motion to accept the bid for the apron project from McClam & Associates. Mr. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. TSA Checkpoint Expansion/Architectural Design/Mead & Hunt

Mr. Murray reported, that after a review of the Master Plan, it became evident that the checkpoint area will become restricted as CAE reaches a certain level of enplanements. TSA has also advised that future screening equipment is longer and wider than existing equipment and will require a larger space. Improvements to the exit portal will be reviewed as part of the project. Mr. Murray went on to say that staff will also review ways to resolve some of the location issues for the Skybar Café, which is located near the checkpoint, and how to make their approach more open. Competitive grants are available as part of the Infrastructure Bill if this design can be completed in time for the next round of grants.

Mr. Wellman made the motion to approve moving forward with the TSA Checkpoint Expansion Architectural Design Project. Mr. Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Discussion/Suggestions

Mr. Bell asked if there was an update regarding Customs' facility improvements. Mr. Murray responded that the project is still being reviewed. He has asked the consultant to put together a scope of work for the design to renovate the building located beneath the Tower. Customs is also deciding whether to keep their current space or relocate all operations to the renovated building. Mr. Murray said there is potential for future funding from the state and once that funding information becomes available, staff will have a budget to work with for this project.

Mr. Bell asked if there is yet any engineering money available for the Platt Springs Road overpass and taxiway. Mr. Murray said that the FAA is coming in for a meeting on June 30th and that topic along with the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the TSA Checkpoint Expansion Project are all on the agenda for discussion.

As his tenure ends on the Commission, Committee Chairman Jordan thanked the members of the Finance Committee for their guidance and input. He said that CAE is a business, it is run like a business, and it needs to continue running like a business.

7. Adjournment

Committee Chairman Jordan adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynne Douglas, Commission Secretary