

**GREAT FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Great Falls International Airport Authority Board convened Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 1:00 PM in the Airport Board Room. Jim Morin called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present:	Susan Humble	JC Kantorowicz
	Jim Morin	Owen Robinson
	Richard Swensen	Brad Talcott
	Joe Tropila	

Staff Present:	John Faulkner	Rod Hall
	Lara Tait	Sharon Tuck

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kantorowicz and seconded by Commissioner Humble to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2012
- b. Payroll checks totaling \$89,970.85
- c. Maintenance & Operations checks #10416-10588 totaling \$304,562.38
- d. Approve Passenger Facility Charge totaling \$75,000
- e. Financial Reports for March

The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Faulkner reported on the following:

- The capital funding plan will be updated in the next month or so and brought back to the Board.
- A memo was distributed in regards to the Galt Building. The building has several potential concerns including its size/layout/code compliance, environmental issues (asbestos/lead) and a failing boiler. Demolition costs are estimated at \$450,000. The Airport will be responding to the Corps of Engineers informing them that we refuse to take the building and in the meantime will continue with a Phase I environmental and research to determine a legal injunction in order to keep things as they are in order to sort this out. Also, FAA guidelines do not allow free rent anymore so if they terminate their contract, we will charge monthly rent until the building is removed.
- The Director met with a number of carriers last week and learned some interesting facts. Alaska is comfortable with their pricing in our market and has continued to see load factors increase. Frontier is pleased with advanced bookings. American Eagle stated that depending on some pending issues, they are researching options to fly some larger jets that would allow them the ability to reach Montana. The positive note from all the discussions is that several airlines are building markets in the mid-west.
- The parking lot expansion bid numbers are in and they are not as good as we had hoped. Initial

thoughts are to continue with the first 100 spaces and hold off on the second phase until pricing goes down.

- Our PFC application has been approved. There was new money for matching dollars for the noise program in our application.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Optimization Study- no action taken.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Talcott stated that 16/34 is the obvious decision in regards to the optimization study and that we need to move forward with the process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No Comments

Jim Morin, Chair

John Faulkner, Secretary

Approved in the 5/29/12 Board Meeting