

MINUTES OF MEETING

RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION

GENERAL AVIATION COMMITTEE

Friday, July 15, 2005

10:00 a.m.

Quonset State Airport Terminal, North Kingstown, Rhode Island

The meeting of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (“Corporation”) General Aviation Committee was called to order by Chair, Dr. Kathleen Hittner at 10:00 a.m., at the Quonset State Airport Terminal, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, in accordance with the notice duly posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Sangster and Don Pillsbury arrived at 10:30 am (non voting member).

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: Michael Traficante.

ALSO PRESENT: Laurie Cullen, Executive Vice President; Al Moder, Chief Aeronautics Inspector; Steve Tibbetts, General Manager - Hawthorne Aviation; and those individuals listed on the attendance sheet attached hereto.

1. Approval of the Minutes: Dr. Hittner moved that the minutes of the General Aviation Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 7, 2005, be approved. Mr. Sangster seconded the motion. The motion was

passed unanimously.

2. Open Forum: Dr. Hittner invited members of the audience to speak in Open Session. Mr. Sheppard, Project Consultant of the Quonset Air Museum, thanked the Committee and RIAC staff members present for their strong leadership and their outstanding communication.

3. Chair's Report: There was no report.

4. General Aviation Report:

Mr. Tibbetts reported on fuel sales and operations at the GA airports. Mr. Tibbetts responded to Board questions.

5. Aeronautics Report:

Mr. Moder reported there had been a fatal accident at Warden Pond with an ultralight plane and that the accident was investigated by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and RIAC.

Mr. Moder reported on operational issues at North Central Airport and Block Island Airports.

Mr. Moder reported on general aviation aircraft registrations. Mr. Moder reported on formal GA airport inspection schedules.

Mr. Moder reported there has been an additional request to run an event at Westerly Airport.

Mr. Moder reported on vegetative management at North Central Airport. Mr. Moder responded to Board questions.

6. Discussion Items:

(a) Update on Business Development and Commercial Programs.

Mr. Cloutier reported that responses to the April 29, 2005 Requests for Proposals (RFP) were received for construction of a multipurpose 20,000 square foot hangar, office space, and new FBO service offices at Quonset Airport. Mr. Cloutier reported that the Selection Committee met on July 6, 2005, and that negotiations had commenced with Piedmont Hawthorne Aviation, Inc, the successful respondent.

Mr. Cloutier reported on Aeroserv's grand opening celebration and the services it now provides.

Mr. Mini responded to questions regarding the Quonset Air Museum.

Update on Construction Projects.

Ms. Cullen reported on the ramp project and Taxiway Whiskey projects at Quonset State Airport. Ms. Cullen also reported pavement repairs on Taxiway A, B, C, and the Apron at Westerly State Airport. Ms. Cullen commented on the fencing and lighting project at Block Island Airport.

(c) Update on Environmental Issues.

Ms. Cullen reported that the DEM is working on new regulations for vegetative management plans.

Ms. Cullen stated that, with regards to Newport Airport, the Wetland Edge Verification will be completed in September 2005 and the llama project is currently on hold awaiting insurance for the animals.

Ms. Cullen identified issues related to the Wings over Westerly event.

Ms. Cullen reported on obstruction removal and maintenance at Block Island Airport. Ms. Cullen stated the environmental assessment is ongoing and a meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee and an Open Meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2005. Ms. Cullen stated the Wetlands Edge Verification is ongoing at Block Island Airport.

Ms. Cullen reported on a test program (the glycol mineralization project) to compliment the vegetation management with new grasses that are fed the collected deicing fluid at North Central Airport. The project is under design and expected to commence in August 2005. Ms. Cullen reported deicing protocols are being processed.

Ms. Cullen reported on the Wetlands Edge Verification and the on-airport obstruction removal program at North Central Airport.

(d) GA Airports Communications Plan

Mr. Mini presented and reviewed the General Aviation Airports Communication Plan to the Committee.

Ms. Goldstein stated an e-mail newsletter will be posted on the new T. F. Green website. Mr. Mini responded to Board questions.

7. Future Meetings:

The next General Aviation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2005 at 11:00 a.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room, at T. F. Green Airport has been cancelled. A rescheduled date and time will be posted.

9. Adjournment: Mr. Sangster moved to adjourn at approximately

11:30 p.m. Dr. Hittner seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted

**Dr. Kathleen Hittner, Chair
General Aviation Committee of the
Rhode Island Airport Corporation**

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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NAME AFFILIATION

Laurie Cullen RIAC

Patti Goldstein RIAC

Liberty Luciano RIAC

Alicia Spearing RIAC

Michael Mini RIAC

David Cloutier RIAC

Al Moder RIAC

Rebecca Gervasini RIAC

Dave Edwards RIAC

Steve St. Onge Hawthorne

Steve Tibbetts Hawthorne

John Sheppard Quonset Air Museum

Ken Filarsky Quonset Air Museum

Chet Browning Quonset Air Museum