

The Seven Hundred and eighty sixth meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, Monday, March 15, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room at the Worcester Regional Airport.

Members present were: Chairman Joseph Zwirblia, Commissioners Tom Reynolds, Jack Reiff and Bernard landoli.

Also present were: Andrew Davis, Airport Director, Phil Niddrie, Airport Liaison

Chairman Zwirblia called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM

1. Approval of the minutes of the February 8th and the Special Meeting of February 22, 2010 – On a motion by Commissioner Reiff and seconded by Commissioner landoli the minutes were amended and approved. The amendment was to reflect Commissioner Reynolds being required to leave the February 8th meeting at 7:15 PM due to a previous commitment.

2. Report of Commission Chairman – None

3. Reports of Airport Director

- **Potential New Tenant in the Industrial Park:** Airport Director Davis and Mr. Niddrie summarized the discussions they have had with a potential aviation-related manufacturer along with the City of Worcester Economic Development Dept., Worcester Business Development Corporation, Massport and others regarding the potential for the firm to locate here in the former Levigne Press Building at 10 Coppage Drive and the plans to “connect” the facility to the Airport via a new connecting road/ taxiway to the end of Runway 33. Director Davis continued to characterize the discussions and potential as believing we can be “cautiously optimistic”. The firm still needs a large financial package from Mass Development, SBA and/or a private bank and they are exploring all options.

- **Direct Air Update:** Mr. Davis and Mr. Niddrie outlined the efforts to market Direct Air in conjunction with the City of Worcester and Massport. The numbers for February through April are very positive with a large number of sold out or nearly sold out flights. As they did in February, Direct Air has put more flights in the system for the April vacation dates. As we enter May and early June, the numbers drop, but Mr. Davis indicated that was (and is) a very common issue in the airline industry as leisure travel decreases significantly during that time period.

- **Runway Reconstruction Update:** Everything is on schedule for the completion of Runway 11/29 repaving. We are still discussing how to limit the closure of the airport as we approach the intersection of 11/29 and the alternate runway. Plans will be to limit the closing as much as possible. We will keep the commission informed.

- **Tour by the FAA:** FAA officials were here to view the airport in preparation for the sale to Massport. No concerns were expressed at that time. It simply gave the officials

the opportunity to view the sites they were discussing with the city and Massport. Both city and Massport officials accompanied them.

- **May 6th Taste of Tourism Event:** This event is being planned and coordinated by the Central Mass. Visitors' Bureau to highlight the airport facilities and the tourist attractions available to folks in Central Massachusetts. It will be held on May 6th from 5:00 -8:00 PM. More details to follow next month.

4. Old Business - NONE

5. New Business- -NONE

6. Adjournment – On a motion by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Landoli the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM. The next meeting was set for April 12, 2010

Philip J. Niddrie
Clerk of the Commission