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**MINUTES OF THE (SPECIAL) BOARD MEETING OF THE KEYSTONE AIRPARK AUTHORITY**  
Tuesday, April 6, 2010  
**CONFERENCE ROOM, KEYSTONE AIRPARK**

Chairman, Noel Thomas called the board meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Prayer was given by Mr. Kirkland followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Noel Thomas, Dean Weaver, David Kirkland, Glen Harris, Ron Blake, Don Ramdass, Roland Luster, Col. Mauzey, Jim Young, Cindy Ward,

**ABSENT:** Scott Roberts

Mr. Thomas stated that the reason for this special meeting was to address an email received by Mr. Richard Owen with the FAA that referenced the rehabilitation project for runway 5/23. He reported to the Board that we had just closed out the design phase of this project and had received the final draw on the Grant on Monday, April 4, 2010. He said that the email stated that the FAA was reducing the funding for the project and the size of the runway from 100 feet wide to 75 feet wide. He also talked about the attachment to the email listing the changes for the costs of the project, which would be \$540,000 less. Mr. Weaver asked how Mr. Owen had come up with the cost difference, and Mr. Thomas replied that he didn't know what methods Mr. Owen had used.

Mr. Ramdass stated that the suggestion from Passero Associates to the Board was that they calculate out how much it would cost to make the changes to a 75' runway and to move the lights and compare that cost to the bid cost of constructing the 100' runway as designed. If the FAA still wouldn't fund the project based on that analysis, they would suggest we withhold the light portion of the project and thereby only construct the 100' runway at this time. He also mentioned that the Airport had received some good support letters from tenants. An additional suggestion was that we go to Camp Blanding and try to obtain some help through the Military Aid Program, which Senator Bill Nelson has been promoting. Mr. Thomas stated that that Florida National Guard had been contacted concerning this possibility and they were checking into it. He said they were also looking into making the Airport C17 capable and the 75' runway would not be compatible with that change.

Mr. Luster asked if Camp Blanding was a FEMA base and if so, he would suggest we get FEMA's help on this issue. Mr. Thomas responded that Camp Blanding was the Florida Emergency Preparedness Center and that the director of FEMA had come into the airport the week prior to tour Camp Blanding. Mr. Young added that the head of FEMA was originally from Gainesville and had previously been the State of Florida Emergency Management Director. Mr. Thomas stated that the two things he had down for the Board to consider, was first, the Board had just constructed four corporate hangars to attract the larger aircraft to the airport. If the runway was narrower, it would limit the utilization of those corporate hangars. The other item he had noted was to contact FEMA for their support. Mr. Thomas also stated that we had received some letters from tenants regarding their need for maintaining the wider runway.

Mr. Weaver stated that he had met with Andrew with Passero Associates and it had been suggested to him that if the Authority produced proof of 500 operations that would be performed at the Airport over the next year, which required the 100' runway, we may be able to get the wider runway funded. He said we had already received letters with many of the operations needed.

Mr. Ramdass suggested that they first submit the costs analysis to FAA and if they didn't change their decision to approve the wider runway, then the authority might proceed with rallying support from other sources.

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After discussion regarding the possible suggestions mentioned, It was decided that Passero would prepare the cost analysis to be sent to the FAA with the letters from the tenants. It was also decided that the Board Members would contact Legislators and Military personnel to request their help in expressing the airport's need for the 100' runway to the FAA.

There was no further discussion. Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Noel Thomas, Chairman

Attest

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Secretary