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**Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport Authority (EWVRAA)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, FEBRUARY 10th, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

Members Present

John Laub	Jim Klein^	Ken Collinson	Brad Close
Dan Dulyea	Daryl Bryarly^	Ronald Fitzpatrick	Maria Lorensen
Aneesh Sompalli	Jason Barrett^	Tana Burkhart	Larry Dunn
Greg Janes			

^ via telecom

Members Absent

John Allen P.J. Orsini

Also Present

Nicolas Diehl, EWVRAA	Neil Doran, EWVRAA	Thomas McKenzie, EWVRAA
Vicki A. Saunders, EWVRAA	Jim Marshall, Attorney	Jim Whitacre, Berkeley County Council
Matt Umstead, Hagerstown Herald-Mail		

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman John Laub

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Petitions of Citizens

None

Chairman Laub welcomed Councilman Jim Whitacre and Ronald Fitzpatrick.

Staff & Executive Director's Report

All reports were distributed via email for review by the Authority members prior to the meeting.

- Nicolas Diehl and Neil Doran attended Air Cargo show in Nashville
- Nic Diehl attended WV Economic Development Legislative Conference
- West Virginia Legislature has allowed the Flyaway exemption portion of SB 520 to move forward, but the tax relief for Aircraft Maintenance/MROs provision has been removed

- New Finish Mower has been ordered
- Crosswinds' sink had to be repaired and first floor ceiling tiles were replaced

1st Agenda Item: Approval of January 13th 2020 meeting minutes

Larry Dunn motioned to accept the minutes with a correction to Agenda Item 3. The word “seconded” is to be inserted. Tana Burkhart seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

2nd Agenda Item: Approval of the January 2020 Budget Report

Maria Lorensen and Brad Close asked questions and commented on the report. Brad Close motioned to accept the budget. Ken Collinson seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

3rd Agenda Item: Discussion of House Bill 2732

Delegate Barrett and Nic Diehl provided an overview of the bill and its status in the legislature. The bill requires a declaration of war by the United States Congress before West Virginia’s Guardsman can be sent overseas. This could potentially lead to significant losses of federal missions, funding and related jobs at our airport and elsewhere in our state. West Virginia’s Adjutant General opposes it.

Jim Klein motioned to authorize the Chairman to draft a resolution of concern/opposition with the help of the Executive Director and to present it to local and state political leaders along with the media. Greg Janes seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

4th Agenda Item: Berkeley County Airport Ordinance Discussion

Nic Diehl explained that this update and revision to the existing 2004 ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and forwarded to the County Council with a recommendation that it be adopted. There are two final public meetings scheduled for February 13th and 27th. Neil Doran also provided details on the EWVRAA’s efforts over the last three years to communicate with the Planning Commission and County Council about the 2004 ordinance including ways that the composition of the ordinance and enforcement of its provisions could be improved.

Nic Diehl introduced Councilman Jim Whitacre. Mr. Whitacre presented a suggestion for the installation of a Monument or Gateway-style sign at the intersection of Route 11 and Novak Drive. This would remind the public of the presence of the airport and boost awareness of aircraft overflight operations in that area. The board suggested that Nic Diehl research the design and installation of a sign at that location.

5th Real Estate and property matters (possible executive session)

Nic Diehl stated that there were no new developments and there was no need to go into an Executive Session. Any additional updates can be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Janes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dunn seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.