BOCA RATON AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 **Boca Raton Airport Authority** 903 N.W. 35th Street, Boca Raton FL 33431

Mr. Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS

ROBERT TUCKER

CHAIR

RANDY NOBLES

VICE-CHAIR

MITCHELL FOGEL

SECRETARY/TREASURER - telephonically

GENE FOLDEN

BOARD MEMBER - absent

CHERYL BUDD JAMES R. NAU MELVIN POLLACK **BOARD MEMBER BOARD MEMBER BOARD MEMBER**

COUNSEL Amy Petrick, Esquire – Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

STAFF

Clara Bennett, Executive Director

Scott Kohut, Deputy Director

Travis Bryan, Operations Director

Robert Abbott, Finance and Administration Director

Florence Straugh, Business Manager Richard Gurzo, Accounting Coordinator Hannah Naveda, Operations Coordinator Leonel Romero, Operations Coordinator

Mr. Tucker shared the Key to the City of Boca Raton that the Mayor presented to the Airport for sponsorship of the City's Centennial celebration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2025 was made by Mr. Fogel and seconded by Mr. Pollack. The Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA CHANGES

Ms. Bennett requested to remove from the Consent Agenda, Item V-C.

A MOTION to approve the removal of Item V-C from the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Pollack and seconded by Mr. Nobles. The Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were no public requests.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no other items that were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item V-C was made by Mr. Nobles and seconded by Mr. Pollack. The Motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INPUT

Ms. Bennett reported that there was none.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Budd arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Fogel asked Mr. Abbott to present the Financial Report for February 2025.

A MOTION to approval of the Financial Report for February 2025 was made by Mr. Nau and seconded by Mr. Pollack. The Motion carried unanimously.

TENANT REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Romero presented the Operations and Noise Abatement Report for the month of February 2025, which included operational activity at the Airport during Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) compared with non-TFR timeframes.

Mr. Kohut presented a Legislative Update of proposed bills and potential impacts on the Airport and aviation industry. He stated that there was a proposed bill to remove aviation fuel taxes and that would be detrimental to general aviation airports in Florida. A discussion took place regarding aviation fuel taxes and possible government changes impacting the Airport.

Mr. Kohut presented the contract for Airport Management Consulting and Advisory Services.

A MOTION to approved Resolution No. 03-06-25 of the Boca Raton Airport Authority approving Airport Management Consulting and Advisory Services contract with Ricondo & Associates, Inc. was made by Ms. Budd and seconded by Mr. Pollack.

Mr. Nobles mentioned that Ricondo has been a constant at the Airport for a long time. Mr. Pete Ricondo stated that they have been a consultant for the Airport for 23 years. Ms. Bennett explained that in the past Ricondo performed all airport consulting services including engineering, design, and construction management and planning studies but recently reorganized to focus on management advisory, planning and project administration.

Mr. Nobles asked why other firms are not submitting bids. Mr. Ricondo explained that they invited other firms to join their team as subconsultants with expertise in specialized areas. He stated that these other firms could have submitted a response to the Request for Qualifications but chose to be part of the Ricondo team instead.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Abbott introduced Mr. Evan Henderson, Garth Solutions, who presented the update of the promotional initiatives and community engagement of the Observation Area. Mr. Tucker explained that he frequents the Observation Area and that there are always people there enjoying the venue. He stated that he believes that the social media coverage by Mr. Henderson and his team did a great job getting the word out about the Observation Area.

AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS AND REPORTS

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public input.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

MISCELLANEOUS

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chair

Date