August 24, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

1. The Ascension-St. James Airport and Transportation Authority met on August 24 2021, at the Louisiana Regional Airport with Chairman Rick Webre presiding. Commissioners Gaudin, Melancon , Stafford, Landry, Keese and Amato were all present and Airport Director, Jason Ball, was also in attendance.
2. A motion by Commissioner Gaudin seconded by Commissioner Landry to approve the meeting minutes from June as presented; motion carried unanimously.
3. Finance- Mr. Ball stated budget is on track for the beginning of the fiscal year with many annual contracts being paid upfront for the year. Proprietary account paid for the 217,000 dollar waterline payment to be reimbursed by capitol outlay. Motion made by Commissioner Keese seconded by Commissioner Stafford to accept; motion carried.
4. Legal-
5. Engineering:
   1. CIP will be updated and approved at next meeting
   2. Fuel System approved by Fire Marshall and now moves to board approval and then bid
   3. Master Plan should have draft report to us soon
6. Operations- Pat is out and David is out of town so it has been hectic dealing with audit and all operations needs. Pat should be back tomorrow. A request came through from the tourism commission about hosting an air race. After a conference call where it was determined a 100,000 dollar fee would have to be paid to host this event, we politely declined due to not having the logistics or fee to make this work at this time.
7. Chairman: CIP was submitted to Congressman Graves’ office. Plans for Terminal Expansion are available to review if anyone would like to see them.
8. Old Business:
   1. Corporate Hangar- no update
   2. New Building- Metal ordered and pay apps ready for reimbursement.
   3. Master Plan- discussed in report.
   4. CIP- due in August.
9. New Business
   1. Lalumandier Lease- After a meeting with Mr. Lalumandier we discussed simplifying the amendment to only include the term and escalation clause. The max term would stay 50 years and CPI would be the determining factor of the escalation. If CPI was ever negative, we would not go up or down for that year. Motion made by Commissioner Gaudin Seconded by Commissioner Keese. Commissioner Landry Abstained Motion Carried
   2. Purchase of a new gate access system- Estimate came back at 2845.00 which was the lowest. It will be a new cloud based system. Motion made by Commissioner Gaudin to accept, seconded by Commissioner Keese. Motion Carried
10. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 28, 2021

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Richard Webre, Chairman Kevin Landry, Secretary