

REGULAR MEETING
BELEN ALEXANDER MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT COMMISSION

February 17, 2011
5:30 P.M.

FINAL

Airport Commission Chair Neil Hise called the Regular Meeting of the Belen Airport Commission held in the Belen City Council Chambers to order at 5:30 P.M. Roll call establishing a quorum was taken by Commission Chair, Neil Hise. Members as follows:

COMMISSION	Neil Hise, Chair
MEMBERS PRESENT	Charles Sanchez John Kennedy, Member

COMMISSION	Martin Marchi
MEMBERS ABSENT	Joe Trujillo

CITY STAFF:	Anita Romero, Administrative Assistant Robert Uecker, Airport Manager
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OTHERS:	Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor Tami Wiggins, Blue Skies Consulting
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Uecker asked that item 3, introduction of new members be scratched from the agenda. Commission Chair Neil Hise asked for approval of the agenda with item 3 removed. Commission Member Charles Sanchez moved to approve the agenda. Member John Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Uecker's first item was the runway project. He reported that the project has been pushed back for a year by the State Aviation Division and the FAA. This was done in the event the Air Force would want to participate in this project, so that planning would be done correctly. Commissioner Sanchez asked if this means there would have to be changes to the runways to accommodate Air Force planes? Mr. Uecker explained that the Air Force would possibly participate in the construction of the runway to make it strong enough for their C130s. His prediction was that the project would take place sometime this summer. He said that if we apply for a grant they will need to know exactly what they are going to do when they apply. So the State Aviation Division and the FAA thought it was best to put the project off until next year.

He reported that there was an FAA conference in Albuquerque on the 7th and 8th of March and that he is registered. He told the Commission that they are welcome to attend and the cost is \$175.00. He said that he goes for the time to spend with the FAA people and that they have some informational sessions.

Mr. Uecker's next item was the issue of Seabird coming to Belen and he told the Commission that he had not heard a word about it. He reported that he had invited some of the Seabird people to the meeting tonight but had not heard back from them.

Commissioner Hise commented that he spoke with Mr. Weh about 40 minutes ago for an update. Mr. Way told him that there were six cities in New Mexico and one out of state in the running for the project. Now there are two cities in New Mexico and one city out of state. He was not sure what City out of state, but Mr. Way was headed for Florida so that is possibly the state they are considering. Mr. Hise reported that we are still in the running. He further reported that he told Mr. Way that the Mayor is very interested in meeting with him at any time and do whatever we need to do to make this deal happen. He said that Mr. Way had told him that he had not know about a lot of things that were going on when he started this project and was putting it all together. Commissioner Hise then discussed his ideas as to why he thought Belen would be chosen and that he was encouraged. One of those was that Mr. Way lives in Albuquerque and he doubted that to choose a city across the mountain would be feasible. He said that he is encouraged and he has promoted Belen every chance he gets and that Mr. Way always returns his calls.

Mayor Jaramillo said that he had some information from our planner and that he has been working very much with David from Seabird. He said they have been working with the City as far as the City of Belen going forward with everything actually happening for Seabird to come here and working with USDA and with Urban Renewal. And he said they are looking at funding to make sure if Belen does become the City that they are ready to go with moneys to build the type of building that they would need and they are looking at approximately 80,000 square feet. And that all this is already in the works.

Mr. Uecker then continued with his report and said he had moved out of the old office into the pilots lounge office. He said he still has a lot of junk to move but it is coming along. He

discussed the possible uses of the old office and thought it could be used as a small café. He reported that the Mayor has looked at it and he has someone coming next week to see what she thinks about it. If it can be worked out it might produce some revenue.

Mr. Uecker said there is a fly- in breakfast scheduled for March 5 at 8:00 AM. He also reported on a Russian Built plane that is called a YAK doing touch and goes last Sunday. While he was doing the go part of the touch and go his engine quit because of a rag left in the intake. He tried to put his gear back down just as the engine quit and he ended up on the planes belly on the runway. Mr. Uecker called a friend of his who brought his fork lift up and got the plane upright.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tami Wiggins of Blue Skies Consulting said they appreciate all that Mr. Uecker is doing at the airport and that every thing is running well.

Mr. Uecker asked Ms Wiggins if she would like to say anything about the solar deal. She said that she and her husband Mike have been investigating putting solar panels on their hangar. They have been working with Everguard Solar Company. She reported that the company is very knowledgeable and have been very helpful with information. She is hopeful that it will work out and they can install the panels on their hangar and continue the trend that the City started, Commissioner Hise asked if they were water or electric? Ms. Wiggins said they will generate electricity.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mayor Jaramillo commented that he was speaking as commissioner comment, but wanted to relay information on Qwest pushing to get fiber for high speed towards the airport. He relayed the information to Andrew DiCamillo, Planning/Community Development, to follow up on. Mr. DiCamillo is very interested that Quest pay for the fiber and there are some projects at the airport that he was hopeful they would fund.

Commissioner Hise reported that 25th -27th of March there will be a Bataan Death March re-enactment in Alamogordo and that there will be some wounded warriors that will need rides back from New Mexico to the hospital in San Antonio, Texas after doing a 26 mile hike in wheel chairs with no legs or arms. He said that he flew some of them back last year and it was a pretty neat experience. He told the Commission that he intends to do this again this year and if anyone would like to participate he would give them information. He said it is pretty neat how they take care of these men helping them get from here to there.

There were no further comments.

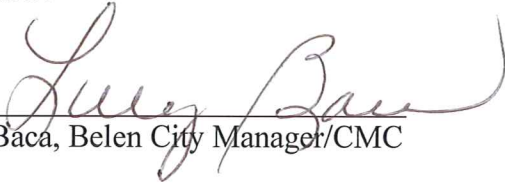
Commissioner Hise then called for a motion to adjourn. Commission member John Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting and Commission Member Charles Sanchez seconded the motion.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.



Neil Hise, Chair,
Belen Airport Commission

ATTEST:



Lucy Baca, Belen City Manager/CMC