Meadow Lake Airport Association

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MLAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 12, 2009

<u>Members Present</u>: Dave Elliott, Ron Lee, Wyman Varnedoe, John Scott Jamie Johnston, Jeff Moore, Richard Martin, Mark Shook, Sandy Martin

Call to Order: 3:02 p.m. by Dave Elliott

Minutes:

MOTION: Mark Shook made a motion that we accept the minutes for November and December. SECOND: Jeff Moore Vote: All in favor. Dave requested that Jamie rewrite the October minutes so they do not read like a

transcript.

Opening Remarks:

Dave called Greg Johnson and invited him to explain the new county building code for a 2 hour fire wall and the ACC update on the Rodriquez submittal.

Treasurers Report:

Jeff Moore discussed the double entry in the Quicken account and the checks written so far in 2010. ADG submitted an invoice to MLAA for \$6,200 for their efforts associated with the Johnston appraisal. This is in addition to the actual appraisals themselves. The board discussed again the need to issue Purchase Orders for any contracted work, so we are not surprised by unanticipated costs like this invoice.

Dave discussed the overdue accounts that are more than one year old. He drafted a letter to send and had it reviewed by the MLAA attorney, Brad Miller. Basically the parties at issue will no longer have through the fence access. If they are seen using the runway we are to contact the Sherriff for trespassing. A lien is placed on their property. These individuals have also lost their voting privileges.

ACC

Greg Johnson arrived and explained the new County Building Code going into effect. According to this new code no building can be within thirty feet of any property line or 30 feet from any public access way. If it is built less than 30 feet from the property line the side of the building in violation must have a 2 hour firewall, which is expensive. Greg feels this currently would only affect a few individuals in a very few spots. The county will not allow financial hardship as an acceptable excuse for non compliance. Structural hardship would be the only relief.

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USA Today Interview:

Dave Elliott was interviewed by Tom Franks of USA Today three weeks ago, but so far no editorials discussing MLAA have been printed. Travis also was interviewed and said MLAA is a perfect example of public and private resources working together. This may not have been the story line Mr. Franks was looking for, and perhaps the subject is closed.

Inter-Agency Coordination:

Dave stated our grant is to be reviewed on January 27. Our grant is part of the "Consent Agenda" package. This is a more streamlined process for approval. After its approval it then goes to the Governor and then the Dept. of Transportation. We should have access to those funds in February.

Business Plan:

The board discussed the terms of our contract with ADG. It appears this was a five year contract that is up for renewal. Several other potential airport developers are in the area and the board discussed coordinating future efforts with other agencies.

Minimum Assessment Fee:

Several board members took exception to Jamie's refusal to support the Minimum Assessment Fee from \$75/yr. to \$120/yr. The board is trying to create the perception to the FAA that we are willing to work with them. The FAA would eventually like to see that minimum assessment go up to \$240/yr. and an increase to \$120/yr. is just a small step in that direction.

Jamie felt that we provided no justification for the increase to the membership other than "FAA perception". Perhaps we need to be more proactive in explaining to the FAA and CDoT how the local members pay all of the operating costs for the airport. Simply raising the fee \$45/year is not going to make the FAA think MLAA members are substantially providing any more support, nor does it solve the "perception issue" with FAA.

MOTION: Mark Shook made a motion that we send out a letter to the membership explaining the rate increase. SECOND: Jeff Moore Vote: All in favor.

Rules and Regulations for Airport Access:

Ron Lee and Mark Shook discussed their proposed rules and regulations for membership access to MLAA's undeveloped land. Issues included enforcement, if the airport really

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MOTION: Mark Shook moved we approve 10-01 as a rule and regulation. SECOND: Ron Lee Vote: Did not go to vote.

Vehicles:

Richard Martin stated there are two new batteries in the one ton truck. Several high voltage timers are missing, so he suggested we put new locks on the building.

AWOS:

We are still waiting for the site approval from FAA.

EAA:

Sandy Martin stated EAA is considering an Airport Day in August or September. They would advertise it as a local fly in. They still need to finalize the date. Dave brought up the point that this is the 40th anniversary of the airport.

HFSC:

John Scott stated they are getting the tow plane ready for flight.

Water Storage:

Dave stated we are still working with the plumber and need warmer weather to dig up the tanks and epoxy the leaks.

Aircraft Base Listing:

Dave states that all the state wants are "N" numbers. The planes do not necessarily need to be airworthy. There are several agencies who use this information for their own needs. Right now the FAA shows we only have 154 airplanes at the airport. Dave provided the board with a paragraph he uses in his leases stating he will turn over people's "N" numbers to the National Based Aircraft Inventory Program.

Budget:

The board reviewed the MLAA budget for the past six years and proposed budget amounts for 2010. Basically paying back interest on our SIB loan has eroded a significant amount of our savings. Still the board felt it necessary to create a new account where we annually place some of our dues towards the new runway, which may occur in 3-8 years. Jeff Moore will search for a bank that gives us the best CD rate.

> MOTION: Mark Shook made a motion that we approve the budget as revised. SECOND: Jeff Moore Vote: Unanimous.

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Mark suggested we review this budget on a quarterly basis throughout 2010 to make sure we are not overspending.

MOTION: Jeff Moore made a motion that we adjourn. SECOND: Mark Shook

Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.