Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority

Special Session Teleconference
Board Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2017

Members Present Via Conference Call: Lon Stroschein, Mike Luce, Raquel Blount, Julie Schnaible and Dave Nelson

Staff Present: Dan Letellier, Kristin Elgersma

Guests Present: Mark Wiederrich-Goldsmith/Heck Engineers, Tom Frankman-Davenport/Evans (via Teleconference)

Chairman Lon Stroschein called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

1. Discussion and Request to approve Construction Bid for Customs Remodel – Bids were opened on June 26th for the renovation of the U.S. Customs area in the airport terminal. Two bids were received with the lowest responsible bid coming from Golden Rule Construction. Dave Nelson moved and Julie Schnaible seconded a motion to award the Customs remodel project to Golden Rule Construction for the base bid amount of $294,000 as well as Alternate #1 in the amount of $9,000.00. Motion Carried.

2. Change Order #3 with T.R. Contracting for modifications to the Runway 3-21 Reconstruction Project – A proposal was requested from T.R. Contracting to install in-pavement runway guard lights (RGLs) in the Alpha Taxiway section currently under construction to enhance pilot awareness when approaching Runway 3-21. The proposal for material and installation totals $45,532.30. The Executive Director has requested the FAA include this additional work under the existing AIP Grant which they are currently considering. The Director advised the board this proposal must be approved or rejected now due to the time necessary to order materials and construct in a timely manner. The additional work would be airport funded at this time with the hope that FAA approval is received in the next two weeks to include in the Grant. Raquel Blount moved and Dave Nelson seconded a motion to approve Change Order #3 with T.R. Construction for the installation of the taxiway in-pavement RGLs in for $45,532.30. Motion Carried.

3. Review and Final Approval of Change Order #2 with T.R. Contracting for modifications to the Runway 3-21 Reconstruction Project – At the June 22, 2017 Board Meeting, Change Order #2 with T.R. Contracting in the amount of $433,436.88 received preliminary approval pending legal review to ensure the Authority was compliant with State Statutes related to the approval of Change Orders. The work identified under this C.O. would replace a 50’ x 600’ section of runway adjacent to the portion of runway currently under construction. This section of runway was not slated for replacement for the next 5-10 years. However in the past year (after the construction contract was awarded) increased cracking developed causing concern with airport management that portions of this area may fail prematurely. Goldsmith/Heck Engineers
has provided a report to the Authority that identifies the accelerated deterioration in the concrete and recommends replacement of this section before it goes through another freeze-thaw cycle (winter season). The airport has also received a legal opinion from the Davenport/Evans legal firm which highlights the various exceptions available to awarding contracts/improvements without going out for public bid.

SDCL 5-18A-9 does provide public agencies the means to award improvements on the basis of an emergency if there is “a threat to public health, welfare, or safety or for other urgent and compelling reasons”. It is the opinion of Airport Management, the Airport’s Engineering Firm and the Authority Board that this section of runway represents a potential safety risk and must be addressed in a timely manner and provides sufficient cause for the approval of the Change Order.

Julie Schnaible moved and Mike Luce seconded a motion to approve Change Order #2 with T.R. Contracting in the amount of $433,436.88 as a necessary safety improvement and that compelling reasons exists to justify the expenditure. Motion Carried.

Mike Luce moved to adjourn at 11:30am. Dave Nelson seconded. Motion Carried.

Date __________________________________________ Secretary __________________________________________

Next Board Meeting – July 27, 2017 @ 12:00 pm.