Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the MNAA General Aviation/Operations/Planning & Engineering and MPC Engineering & Planning Committees

Date: May 13, 2020  Place: Nashville International Airport Board Room
Nashville, Tennessee
Time: 9:20 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Bill Freeman, Chair; Nancy Sullivan, Vice Chair; and Amanda Farnsworth

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dexter Samuels, Board Chair; Trey Harwell, Board Vice Chair; Kevin Crumbo; Jimmy Granbery; Bobby Joslin; John Doerge; Christy Smith; Doug Kreulen; Cindy Barnett; and Angela Edwards

I. Call to Order

Chair Freeman called the General Aviation/Operations/Planning & Engineering (GAOPE) Committee meeting to order at 9:20 a.m., pursuant to Public Notice dated May 8, 2020.

II. Roll Call and Open Meetings Announcement

Ms. Angela Edwards, Staff Secretary, Ms. Edwards read the Open Meetings Act Announcement as follows:

The Joint Meeting of the MNAA General Aviation/Operations/Planning & Engineering and MPC Engineering & Planning Committees will be held in accordance with Executive Order No. 16, signed by Governor Bill Lee on March 20, 2020, as amended by Executive Order No. 34, signed by Governor Bill Lee on May 6, 2020, allowing a governing body to hold meetings by electronic or other means of communication without a quorum being physically present if the governing body determines that meeting by electronic means is necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or other related epidemics to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and members of the governing body. All votes taken during this meeting will be by roll call vote. Ms. Edwards called roll of the members of the Joint Meeting of the MNAA General Aviation/Operations/Planning & Engineering and MPC Engineering & Planning Committees. All members were present.
Ms. Edwards called roll of the members of the GAOPE Committee. All members were present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chair Freeman called for approval of the Minutes of the April 8, 2020 GAOPE Committee meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Farnsworth and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. Ms. Edwards took a roll call vote and the motion carried by vote of 3 to 0.

IV. Chair’s Report

Chair Freeman had no Chair’s Report.

V. Items for Approval

A. Approval of Construction Contract for JWN Air Traffic Control Tower

Ms. Traci Holton, Chief Engineer, briefed the Committee on this item. Staff requested that the GAOPE Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it accept the proposal by J. E. Dunn Construction Company (JE Dunn) for the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) & Access Road at John C. Tune Airport (JWN) and authorize the Chair and President and CEO to execute the construction contract.

Staff provided the GAOPE Committee a staff analysis for the Construction Contract for JWN Air Traffic Control Tower prior to the meeting.

Ms. Holton stated On January 22, 2020, with Board approval, the ATCT location was changed to the east side (Site 3) due to the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) recommendation of the east side for better air traffic pattern visibility. JE Dunn had been awarded the contract for a westside ATCT location (Site 1A). MNAA staff met with JE Dunn to discuss the project location change. JE Dunn committed to hold the contract unit price for the relocated tower. MNAA provided a revised 30% plan and proposal schedule for the eastside project location. JE Dunn submitted a revised proposal with a cost difference of approximately $300K. Most of the cost difference is in earthworks.

JE Dunn remains committed to the 2.15% MBE and/or WBE participation levels set for the project. JE Dunn was able to obtain 2.18% MBE and WBE. JE Dunn’s SMWBE partners are Braav, Volunteer, Aerial Innovations, Access Data NSI, Jarvis Award and Signs and Structural Detailing. Contract duration is 392 Calendar Days. The contract completion date for the structure would be July 2021.
Ms. Holton then gave a summary of the JWN Tower schedule. Construction start date is July 2020 but is dependent upon FAA's approval of Environmental Assessment. Once the tower construction is complete, it must be commissioned. MNAA staff anticipates an operational tower in September 2021.

Ms. Holton provided a cost summary. The total project budget was approximately $10.1M. This amount does not include the $692K spent for design at Site 1a.

After questions and discussions, a motion was made by Commissioner Farnsworth and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to accept the proposal by J. E. Dunn Construction Company (JE Dunn) for the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) & Access Road at John C. Tune Airport (JWN) and authorize the Chair and President and CEO to execute the construction contract. Ms. Edwards took a roll call vote and the motion carried by vote of 3 to 0.

VI. Information Items

A. John C. Tune Development Update

President Kreulen discussed the upcoming scope and tasks for the JWN redevelopment with the assistance of Aeroplex. The Aeroplex Feasibility Planning Services Proposal was received April 30, 2020. The scope was finalized on May 12, 2020. Staff will begin executing Scope I this week.

After questions and discussions, President Kreulen concluded his presentation.

This item was presented for information purposes only with no action required.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business before the GAOPE Committee, Chair Freeman adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Amanda Farnsworth, Secretary