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Airport Transition Commission Meeting Minutes May 16 2011

Attendance: Bill Hochstedler, Ed Linkewich, Warren Sippola,
Allan Schofield, Dennis Leney, John Bath, Merlin Dewing,
Florence Bailey, Henry Wall, Todd Tripp, Ben Hancharuk
(Regrets: Rick Kirton, Brad Hyslop, Andreas Asmus)

Delegation:

- Warren Thompson (Prairie Edge Consulting) joined via telephone and ran through the Airport Marketing Strategy presentation.

Discussion:

- Commission seems to have just stopped. Needs to be revived with specific direction such as setting new 5 to 10 year plan.
- Marketing strategy should be an integral part of the long term plan.
- Tenant involvement should be facilitated through Tenant Relations Committee and Security Committee.
- 1st nations representation needs to be pursued for Commission membership. Should have awareness of & understand development along with contacts & relationships with northern communities.
- Airport management to resurrect Tenant meetings & Security Task force meetings.
- AIF is a critical part of obtaining funds for Capital Plan. Community has the opportunity to refocus & move forward.
- Long term plan needs to be established which can be acted upon in part or in whole by the Commission but must work in conjunction with the Economic Development Commission.
- Pursue next steps for Bigwood development.
- Commission may be a hybrid of both airport & economic development.
- Transition Commission mandated to decide on structure as to how we go forward & present this to Council.
- Transition Commission to meet at least once a month.
- New structure needs the right people who want to participate.
- Transition commission to be the architects of change.



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Election of Officers:

- Chair: Bill Hochstedler
- Vice Chair: Ed Linkewich

Manager's Report:

- Reviewed "Navigating the Airport Sustainability, Growth & Development" which is an overview that outlines long term strategies.
- Quick synopsis on AIF on what it is today, what is required for the future, to be discussed at next meeting.
- Quick synopsis on customer parking, how long term is affecting short term & initial development for new north lot, to be discussed next meeting.
- Voluntary Airport Dividend Payment from fuel sale revenues in the budgeted amount of \$65,000.00 to be paid to municipality to help alleviate taxpayer burden.
- Centennial air show could cost as much as \$500,000.00 for full blown event. Must pursue options to keep costs down. Florence, Dennis, Todd, Ben, Ed & Rick to meet & discuss.
- Another centennial event suggested was a concert at the airport similar to that of the Great Big Sea concert in 2006.

Next Meeting Date:

- May 24th, 2011 5:00pm Airport boardroom.