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**Airport Authority Board of Directors
Minutes of June 20, 2018**

Directors present: Picard, Adams, Arnold, Hoey, Leonardi, Petrini, Verderame, Weiner

Via Telecom: Constantinople Jr., Neal-Sanjuro, O'Connell, Sklarz,

Directors absent: Jacob, Wilson

Others in attendance: Tim Larson, Chuck Kurtz, Steve Ferguson, Jeremy Nielson, Felipe Suriel, Alicia Seremet, Jon Betar, Karen Wait, Eliot Jameson, Evan Warren, Devin Tichy, Mike Giordano, Robert Sirot, Ann-Marie Frattii, Al Stiewing, Mark Zaretsky, Sean O'Brien, Cherise LaBonte, and Kathy Grant

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm by Mr. Picard.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from May 16, 2018 by Mr. Leonardi, second Mr. Arnold. Approved unanimously.

1. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Larson introduced Mr. Jeremy Nielson who will be assuming the Airport Manager role as of July 1, 2018. Mr. Nielson outlined his development into Airport Management with AvPORTs, the latest position managing 5 airports in Rhode Island, and is enthused to take on the role here at HVN.

The Board welcomed Mr. Nielson and looks forward to a productive working relationship.

The Appeal is expected to be heard in September; the City of New Haven has joined the suit.

Mr. Larson noted that there are numerous re-appointments to the Board needed, please check him.

2. **Audit and Finance**

Mr. Larson reported that Al Stiewing, Accountant, has, as in previous years offered input regarding forecasting. Mr. Stiewing reviewed the draft budget, analyzing and reviewing the numbers, there are fluctuations in expenses in some areas and confirmed that HVN uses a 0 based budget. YTD there are some increases in expected expense but still predicts that the budget will remain in the black. Mr. Arnold added that overtime costs through March are over \$100,000.

Motion to approve the Draft 2018-19 budget by Mr. Arnold, Second Mr. Verderame, Approved unanimously.

3. **Reports and Action Items**

Resolution #468: Approval of Amendment #6 to Agreement with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates to Provide Engineering Services for Master Plan Studies and Environmental Assessment

The resolution was read into the record in its entirety by Mr. Pickard.

Motion to approve Resolution #468 by Mr. Leonardi, second Mr. Hoey. Approved unanimously.

4. **Airport Managers Report**

Mr. Suriel reviewed the monthly stats.

Mr. Suriel explained the block of cancelled AA flights is due to computer problems along the northeast. Piedmont/American Airlines are working feverously to repair the problems.

5. **Other Business**

Comments regarding the increase in enplanements even with the cancelled flights is telling. Eager to see any additional changes once improvements have been made.

Mr. Larson complemented Ms. Wait regarding taking over the in-house accounting functions and her efforts to save HVN even small amounts of money.

Mr. Leonardi questioned to abundance of cars in the rental lot and whether the companies that own the cars are paying HVN for the use of those spaces. Mr. Suriel responded that he is working on a process to monitor use to be able to charge for the spaces.

Public Comment:

Mr. Mike Giordano, a HVN supporter stated that 1., he would like to see aviation people on the Board and 2., that he would like 14-32 to be refurbished; it's not safe not to have a crosswind runway.

Mr. Devin Tichy, a private pilot who often uses HVN stated that it reopening 14-32 is absolutely necessary for safe shuttle landings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Grant
AvPORTS