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**Airport Authority Board of Directors  
Minutes of May 16, 2018**

Directors present: Hoey, Jacob, Leonardi, Petrini, Sklarz, Verderame, Wilson

Via Telecom: Constantinople Jr., O'Connell, Weiner

Directors absent: Picard, Arnold, Adams, Neal-Sanjuro,

Others in attendance: Tim Larson, Steve Ferguson, Felipe Suriel, Karen Wait, Maribel Lota, Eliot Jameson, Mike Piscatelli, Mike Harns, Devin Tichy, Evan Warren, Rob Perrone, Eric Weaver, Mark Zaretsky, Kris Akerly, Sean O'Brien, Cherise LaBonte, Katha Cox and Kathy Grant

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Mr. Leonardi.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from March 18, 2018 by Mr. Hoey, second Mr. Wilson. Approved unanimously.

**1. Executive Directors Report**

HB 5537 was not called during the last legislative session. Mr. Larson read emailed comment from Melissa Biggs, Esq. into the record.

In total there were three bills not brought forward during the session but the appeal is still moving forward.

The 2018-19 is still being finalized. Directors Hoey and Verderame will spearhead the effort.

Challenges for the next fiscal year are:

- ✈ fine-tuning the rates and charges to reflect current standard industry fees. AvPORTS is working with and informing tenants about the adjustments.
- ✈ seeking new revenue streams. Some ideas to increase revenue that call for investigation are a geo fence, a non-glare solar farm, and others. RFP's for any decisions will be brought before the board for consideration.

Mr. Sklarz spoke about involving the local community in decision making for changes such as the paving the RSA's and feels that the board can make a more substantial effort to be inclusive. Board members responded that there is no lack of outreach. Mr. Larson has a great relationship with the Alderman with whom he communicates regularly. The majority of the Alder body voted to support the RSA effort; all of the NH Alderman were invited to this meeting. The AP is cooperating with the City of New Haven for joint projects that will benefit the community. Mr. Larson will work with local groups as much as possible to accommodate the neighbors.

## **2. Audit and Finance**

Acting AP Manger Mr. Suriel explained that both expenses and payroll were increased for April. Payroll due to three pay periods for the month and expenses are due in part from the winter weather expenses.

## **3. Airport Managers Report**

Mr. Suriel reported that enplanements were up and the load factors are healthy and remain above the system average.

Mr. Larson commented of how nice the landscaping look due to out Maintenance Landscaper Steve Kluth.

HVN will be working on reducing the displaced threshold late summer into early fall.

HVN is in contact with Jim Seadler from AA regarding the renovations to the second floor as well as the jet-bridge project.

MX is busy with springtime maintenance projects.

## **4. Other Business - None**

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Kris Akerley – GA Pilot

Mr. Aklerley stated that the crosswind runway is important to an airport with winds such as HVN has. He asked why an E-Mass system isn't considered for HVN for 2-20. The Board will answer his question in writing.

Mr. Ackerly added that the need for private and corporate hangars is great and that there is revenue to be made if the AP could find a way to add hangars at HVN.

Mr. Sean O'Brien, Alfred Street, New Haven read a statement to the Board.

Mr. Devin Tichy – Private Pilot for aircraft based at Robinson Aviation.

Mr. Tichy outlined the need for RWY 14-32 and spoke to the lengthening of RWY 2-20. Both are time and safety critical in his opinion.

Mr. Eric Weaver –Pilot for Shoreline Aviation

Mr. Weaver echoed Mr. Tichy's comments reiterating the value of having 14-32 available. He stated that he presently diverts if the weather won't allow a safe landing on 2-20 when 14-32 could be used if it was available.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Grant  
AvPORTS