

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING OF THE LAFAYETTE REGIONAL AIRPORT OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2021 HELD AT 200 TERMINAL DRIVE, LAFAYETTE, LA.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**COMMISSIONERS:** Paul A. Guilbeau (Vice-Chairman), John Hebert, Samuel Pierre, Terry Hurd, Lynn Guidry

**ABSENT:** Paul Segura, Charles Schilling

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Steven Picou (Executive Director), Rene Cotton (Properties Administrator), John Raedle (Security Coordinator), Catina Theriot (Secretary).

**GENERAL AUDIENCE:** Robert Callahan (Sides & Associates), Steven Creamer (RS&H), Graeme Scott (RS&H), Broutin Sherrill (RS&H), Mark Stielper (MBSB Group/RS&H), Angie Dore (Thomassee & Associates), Beau Tate (Royal), James Green (Julien), David Carroll (M&E Consulting), Dawn Brown (Matrix), Andre Montagnet (Montagnet & Domingue, Inc.), Michael Mondragon (RS&H), Shaun Simon (Eustis Engineering), Danny Guidry (EJG Inspection).

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairman Guilbeau called the Special Meeting of November 10, 2021 to order at 4:32 p.m.

**II. Introduction/Roll Call**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Executive Director Picou stated this was a meeting of the Commission for the commissioners that were not part of the Selection Committee to hear RS&H's presentation. Executive Director Picou stated RS&H was the sole firm making it through the process. Executive Director Picou stated there were two other firms that were deemed non-responsive by Legal. This meeting gives the Commissioners Hurd, Hebert and Pierre the opportunity to hear the RS&H presentation. Executive Director Picou stated after the meeting the Commission would meet and a recommendation would come from the committee to the full commission. Executive Director Picou stated the commissioners that did not get to originally see the presentation should get the opportunity to see it before selecting the individuals that would be potentially hired for the next five years.

Chairman Segura entered the meeting at 4:38 p.m. during the start of the presentation and then joined the commission at the close of the presentation.

**IV. Scheduled Business – Discussion Items**

1. Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Request for Qualifications – Final Decision– Discussion/Action – RS&H presented who would be added to RS&H to make a complete and well-rounded team to help the airport in all aspects for the next five years if chosen as the Architectural and Engineering firm. Mr. Graeme Scott, Project Manager, went over all of the companies that would be assisting with RS&H. The list consists of RS&H, MBSB Group, Eustis Engineering, LLC, Quaternary Resource Investigations, LLC, M & E Consulting, Inc., Thomassee and Associates, Royal Engineers & Consultants, Montagnet & Domingue, Julien Engineering, and Matrix New World Engineering.

Mr. Scott presented his experience in aviation and many airports where work has been done under his leadership and expertise. Mr. Broutin Sherrill went over all areas of the United States that RS&H

has done work and there are over 200+ airports, 150+ on-call consultant airports, and 66 small and non-hub on-call consultant airports. Mr. Scott went over the different areas that need work at the airport and what RS&H's plan would be for some of those projects. (Airfields and Roadways, Buildings, Environmental stewardship & Resiliency, Environmental Planning, and Aviation Planning. Mr. Steve Creamer stated RS&H offers customized project coordination including pre-design, design, construction, and post construction. Mr. Creamer mentioned most firms step away once construction is complete and with RS&H post construction is key to making sure all areas are operational, in working condition, and satisfactory to the airport staff.

RS&H has a robust DBE team that has a proven track record at LFT of exceeding the goal.

Executive Director Picou asked if the Commission had any questions.

Commissioner Pierre thanked RS&H for their presentation and stated the key point is local and he was appreciative RS&H was considering local firms in the Lafayette community and also the inclusiveness that has been acquired.

Commissioner Guidry stated many of the RS&H team have Louisiana local ties. Some of the RS&H team mentioned they were from areas in both North and South portions of Louisiana.

Commissioner Hurd asked where did RS&H see General Aviation and Business Aviation going ten or twenty years from now. Mr. Sherrill, RS&H, stated there have been several changes in the general aviation communities, starting with major airlines looking at alternative fuel, even the infrastructure with projects coming up in the future have apron expansions, charging stations for electric aircrafts. Mr. Sherrill stated during COVID-19 commercial airlines went down the regional general aviation airports went through the roof. Mr. Sherrill stated the aviation industry is changing and is truly resilient. Commissioner Hurd stated commercial airlines took a dive and business aviation took off and stayed up. Mr. Sherrill stated business aviation shifted and there are changes in classifications where non hub airports became small hubs, small hubs moved to medium hubs. Commissioner Hurd mentioned there were changes that weren't predicted.

Chairman Segura asked if there was a recommendation. Executive Director Picou stated the committee would make a recommendation at the next meeting following this one and the full commission will make a decision.

## **V. Other Business –**

### **VI. Adjourn (5:11:00p.m.)**

RESOLUTION - #2021-11-SR1-04– Adjourn

MOTION: Commissioner Guidry made a motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierre and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Guilbeau, Hebert, Pierre Hurd, Guidry

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Schilling

MOTION CARRIES

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