

BATTLE CREEK TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

At a regular meeting of the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Frederick R. Brydges Customs Cargo Center, the following were in attendance: Messrs. Adams, Bobrofsky, Ihrig, Karre, Noble, Prochazka, Rae, Tsuchiyama and Ms. Tuggle.

Absent were: Messrs. Bietsch, Cutshall, Frantz, and Stewart.

Also in attendance were: Messrs. Bowron, Dehn, William Hamman (PSO One), Hettinger, Miner, Mumford, Ritsema and Mmes. Albrant, Dotson, Beth Seiler (PSO One) and Young.

Mr. Bobrofsky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Rae moved that the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority Board of Directors approve the Minutes of April 22, 2008 as presented. Mr. Adams supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Consumers Energy Easement Request along Brydges Drive

Mr. Dehn stated that Consumers Energy has requested an easement along Brydges Drive. A map of the easement was included in the board package.

MOTION: Mr. Adams moved that the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority Board approve the easement as presented. Mr. Noble supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

West Michigan Aviation Foundation Funding Request

Mr. Hettinger stated that the West Michigan Aviation Foundation (WMAF) has submitted a request in the amount of \$30,000 to augment efforts and to position the aviation industry as a major career cluster, thus enhancing economic development in the Battle Creek geographic region. The funds would be used to support the consulting, coordination, and logistical arrangements associated with the implementation of various components of the Aviation Art Initiative which will serve as a catalyst to expand people's awareness and knowledge of the contributions the aviation industry makes to the West Michigan economy.

MOTION: Mr. Karre moved that the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority authorize Bill Prochazka and Sidney Adams, Jr. to participate in voting. Mr. Rae supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Mr. Adams moved that the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority Board approve the \$30,000 request to West Michigan Aviation Foundation and that it be a one-time offer. Mr. Karre supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CESR/PSO One Presentation

Dr. William Hamman and Beth Seiler presented the BCTIFA Board with a power point presentation and update of the projects that the BCTIFA funded. From the research, two organizations were established: Patient Safety Organization One, Inc. (PSO One) and Center of Excellence in Simulation Research (CESR). Key initiatives completed during the grant process: development of a critical simulation design process for the identification and assessment of healthcare team issues and system processes of healthcare organizations; and refinement of the concept of *In-situ* simulation an effective, team-based simulation strategy that occurs on actual patient care units involving healthcare team members and actual organization processes.

The Center of Excellence for Simulation Research grant was awarded in September 2005.

- \$2.7 million from Michigan Economic Development Corporation
- Up to \$750,000 from The Forest Park Foundation
- Up to \$700,000 from Battle Creek Unlimited
- Request for no cost extension has been approved by MEDC until February 2010

The grant during the initial two years of research led to 13 significant skills for teams clustering around four areas: team positions; team management; seeing the big picture; and effective and relevant communications. The grant has also created effective tools for system analysis of healthcare organizations.

The next steps are moving forward, finishing grant work, establishing a viable corporation in Battle Creek, and creating a world-renowned research center for continuous growth and improvement.

Airport Manager's Report

Mr. Bowron provided information that was distributed at the meeting. The Airport continues to progress with more growth. In the 2007 calendar year, the statistics for the Traffic Volume Ranking Report indicate there are 502 tower airports in the United States, the W.K. Kellogg Airport is ranked as the top 36%, percentile ranking 179. In General Aviation, our airport is 17% percentile and ranks 87. Our airport is an odd niche airport.

The W.K. Kellogg Airport will hold a series of public meetings on the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study beginning July 10. The meeting was held at the WMU COA. The noise study will be funded by federal, state and local funds and is important to identify and evaluate current and future noise effects caused by aircraft operations at the W.K. Kellogg Airport. The study is expected to be completed in 2009.

Parallel Runway – bids are due this Thursday, July 17. The pre-bid meeting that was held had 60 contractors in attendance. Construction is planned for 2009.

Public Comments

Mr. Dehn congratulated Lisa Albrant for the success of saving the WACO Classic Aircraft business in Battle Creek and working out a structure that BCU could work with. The new owners of the business are from West Michigan and are committed to aviation and the City of Battle Creek.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.