

RAISE Committee
June 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The June 5, 2014 meeting of the Regional Air Service Committee (RAISE) was called to order by Florence Kingston at 12:30 pm. Committee members in attendance were as follows:

Jim Bourey, Florence Kingston, Sam Workman, Zoe Lumpkin- City of Newport News
Gary Minter- Newport News Economic Development Authority
Ray Suttle- Jones, Blechman, Woltz, & Kelly/Legal Counsel for EDA
Ken Spirito, Jessica Wharton- NNWIA
LaDonna Finch- Peninsula Airport Commission
Leonard Sledge and Jay Joseph- City of Hampton
Russ Seymour- James City County
Doug Meredith- Gloucester County
Rick Moberg- York County
Dave Callis- City of Poquoson
Tom Gillman- City of Williamsburg

Mrs. Kingston welcomed the group and asked that everyone introduce themselves. Mrs. Lumpkin presented the financial report and asked for any questions. There were no questions. Mr. Spirito provided a brief report on air service activity, discussing the market dynamics causing Allegiant to depart the market. He stated PEOPLExpress reservations went online on June 4 and that flights were being booked now through October 15 to Newark, Boston, and Pittsburgh as the initial start-up cities. He also reported having positive conversations recently with other airlines.

Mr. Workman called for a Motion to go into Closed session pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711.A: Competition (6) for the purpose of discussion or consideration relative to the central section of the City regarding investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. Mr. Minter so moved and Mr. Moberg seconded the Motion which was approved on a 7-0 Roll call vote.

Mr. Workman called for a Motion to reconvene Open Session and certification pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3712 (D) (i) that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such business matters as were identified in the Motion by which closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the public body. Mr. Sledge so moved and Mr. Meredith seconded the Motion which was approved 7-0 on a Roll Call vote.

Mrs. Kingston called for a Motion for the RAISE Committee to recommend that the Economic Development Authority of the City of Newport News, Virginia (EDA), as fiscal agent for RAISE, approve a grant of \$700,650 to serve as the required matching funds for a \$950,000 grant from the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) Small Community Air Service Development Fund, relative to a Transportation Services Agreement (TSA) anticipated to be executed by the Peninsula Airport Commission with VisionAir, for air service to be provided by PEOPLExpress to Newark and Boston with terms as specified in the TSA and in accordance with all DOT grant terms and conditions. Mr. Moberg so moved and Mr. Callis seconded the Motion which was approved on a 6-1 Roll Call vote.

Mrs. Kingston called for a Motion for the RAISE Committee to recommend that the Economic Development Authority of the City of Newport News, Virginia (EDA), as fiscal agent for RAISE funds, enter into an addendum of an existing Transportation Services Agreement (TSA) dated July 31, 2013 between the EDA and Frontier Airlines for a continuation of Denver air service. Mr. Meredith so moved and Mr. Callis seconded the Motion which passed on a 7-0 Roll Call vote.

Mrs. Kingston called for any new business. There was no new business.

Mrs. Kingston called for approval of the October 25, 2013 Minutes. Mr. Joseph so moved and Mr. Seymour seconded the Motion which passed on a 6-0-1 Roll Call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 pm.