

**GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

Present: Doug Small, Mike Verhulst and Dan Koorndyk
Absent: Dan Burrill

Also Present: Tory Richardson, Alex Peric, Maria Kim, Clint Nemeth, Tom Cizauskas, Laura Feigel, Zac Bosma (The Christman Company), Jacob Kulhanek (The Christman Company) and Tom Rowland (ABM)

3-1 Meeting Minutes

The Operations and Marketing Committee minutes of February 15, 2023 were approved as submitted with a motion by Mr. Verhulst and support by Mr. Koorndyk.

3-2 Public Comment

No public comment.

3-3 Terminal Enhancement Project

Mr. Nemeth stated the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) has been selected for the Terminal Enhancement Project using GFIAA's Value-based selection process. Mr. Nemeth introduced Mr. Bosma and Mr. Kulhanek, of The Christman Company (TCC). Mr. Bosma thanked the committee for the opportunity to be a part of the ongoing enhancements at GRR. Mr. Bosma informed the committee of TCC's efforts to partner with local business and DBE stakeholders when working on projects, especially for the airport. Mr. Bosma reported that out of the 26 contractors currently working on the Concourse A Expansion project, 25 are Kent County companies and the other one is a DBE company based in Genesee. He also stated 9% are DBE certificate holders. Mr. Kulhanek pointed out TCC's presence in the community and the company-wide volunteering initiatives conducted each year.

Mr. Verhulst asked what excites TCC about this particular project. Mr. Bosma expressed his desire to work on the 'face' of the airport and Mr. Kulhanek is eager to utilize the company's nationwide expertise on the Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS).

3-4 Vendor Development Report

Mr. Cizauskas explained the Vendor Development Initiative (VDI) began in 2019 as an effort to increase the airport's DBE utilization in locally funded projects and operations. Since 2016, GFIAA's DBE participation has expanded to a DBE spend of \$2.7M annually and the percentage of GFIAA vendors has doubled.

Mr. Koorndyk congratulated the airport's efforts and encouraged staff to continue the good work, and then requested Mr. Richardson share some comments. Mr. Richardson shared that former Authority Board Member Vice Chair, Dr. Floyd Wilson, Jr. was the driving force behind this initiative with his passion for Diversity and Inclusion. The committee previously discussed this issue and now declares the VDI is named the "Dr. Floyd Wilson Jr. Vendor Development Initiative". Chair Small and the rest of the committee were in agreement and applauded the action.

3-5 ASQ Update

Mrs. Kim announced that GRR won four national ACI awards in 2022, "Best Airport of 2-5 Million Passengers in North America," "Airport with the most dedicated staff," "Easiest Airport Journey," and "Cleanest Airport". She presented the ASQ results over the last

two years and pointed out trends. She stated that GRR is well above the National and Global averages in all categories.

3-6 **Project/Construction Report**

Mr. Nemeth congratulated staff and contractors for the seamless, scheduled power outages last week in order to transfer controls to the Central Utilities Plant. He pointed out that the Terminal Enhancement project has reached the 30% design phase and also noted the groundbreaking scheduled for May 31, 2023 for the ConRAC facility. He pointed out the Economy Lot expansion that's scheduled to begin after spring break will accommodate our additional parking needs during ConRAC construction and will be ready in 2024. Mr. Nemeth reported the Redundant Power generators will be ordered and he notified the committee of his impending visit to Grand Forks, ND to visit their Air Traffic Control Tower design team and gain perspective on their efforts to replace their air traffic control tower. He also mentioned that GFIAA Staff is working with the Otter Air Services contractor to review airspace impacts from the proposed structural steel erection crane.

3-7 **Other**

Mrs. Kim shared that staff will be attending an Airline Routes Americas conference next week

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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