

Open Work Session
Airport CARES Act Grant Funding Update
July 6, 2021

Mr. Tony Rudy, Airport Manager, came before Council to present the quarterly CARES Act report. He said, since his last report to the County Council on April 20, SBY Airport received the CARES Act Grant Amendment that they applied for in the amount of \$1,860,000, which was out of the original sum for the CARES Grant that was a little over \$18 million dollars, and that is going to be used for the taxiway alpha reconstruction project. He said this is actually phase 3, or phase 2B is what they are calling it, for reconstruction of the pavement, and this project was identified in Resolution Nos. 47-2020 and 53-2021 as a planned and approved use of the CARES Act funds.

Mr. Rudy said they applied to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as Reimbursement Request No. 2 on May 5, 2021 in the amount \$775,726.76 for operating and maintenance expenses incurred from approximately May through August of 2020. He said the submission also included payroll expenses between February and June 2020, and the FAA approved the reimbursement on May 20, 2021. He said the Airport will continue to work on preparing for the next round of reimbursement requests.

Mr. Rudy reported, the Airport received two new grants under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the first grant was executed on May 18 in the amount \$1,023,818 and can be used for operational and maintenance expenses only. He said they also received a second grant executed on June 7 in the amount of \$15,016, which can be used for concession relief. He said the concession relief is a very confusing process, and he is currently doing some research on it and they are not sure if they can actually use the money or not, but they are looking into it.

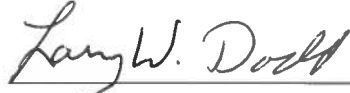
Mr. Rudy said, on March 19, 2021 the FAA announced the establishment of the Airport Rescue Grant to distribute \$18 million in funds that Congress approved as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. He said recent FAA guidance indicated that the Airport will not be eligible to receive grants under this program; however, since he has written this report, they have seen spreadsheets listing airports and the amounts they are going to receive, and it looks like they may, in fact, be receiving additional grant funds. He said, once they get the official word from the FAA, they are going to apply for the grant funding if they can, and he will keep Council posted on it.

Mr. Hasting asked how much the grants are for the additional FAA funding, to which Mr. Rudy responded, approximately \$1.4 million.

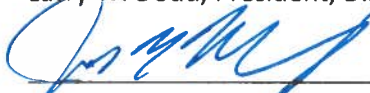
Mr. Cannon asked, how is the County moving forward with the FAA? Mr. Rudy asked if Mr. Cannon means in general or for the grants, to which Mr. Cannon responded, he is speaking about the process with what the County is trying to do with improvements, such as extending the runway, etc. Mr. Rudy responded, it is always a process as they have to jump through the FAA hoops to get a project approved. He said, on the list of projects that they will be using some of the CARES funding for development they have a bunch of those projects that they are starting the design work on. He said they basically get the design work done, put them out to bid, get solid numbers, and then go to the FAA and apply for another grant addendum on the original CARES Act Grant, so that will take some time. He said they are kind of in the wrong part of the FAA budget cycle, so they are moving ahead with the design work now and they will go out to bid, so it should be either this fall or by the end of the year when they will be able to do the grant amendment for those projects. He said it is moving forward, just at the typical FAA pace.

There was no further discussion.

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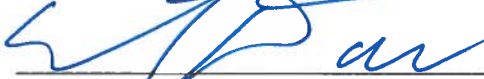
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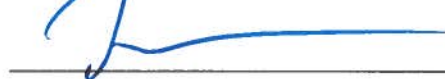
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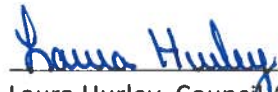
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