

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority was held in the Board Room of the Administration Building on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:45 PM.

The following were present:

Vernon D. Burns, Chairperson  
Megan J. M. Whitton, Vice Chairperson  
Joseph I. Andriano, Secretary  
David D. King, Assistant Treasurer

ALSO:

Wade A. Davis, Executive Director  
Stephanie L. Saracco, Airport Manager

ABSENT: Christopher B. T. Coffin, Treasurer

I. Board Chairperson Burns called the meeting to order at 7:45PM.

II. Business Items.

A. Ogdensburg International Airport

1. Approval of Essential Air Service Essential Air Service (EAS) provides a vital link for air travelers to the National Air Transportation System. The current EAS service provided by Cape Air expires March 31, 2019. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) through Docket DOT-OST-1997-2842 solicited Essential Air Service proposals for Ogdensburg International Airport (OGS)and/or Massena Airport (MSS)(under DOT-OST-2012-0163). Proposals were received by USDOT from the following: Cape Air, Boutique Air, Silver Airways, and SkyWest Airlines. Following is a summary of the proposals (recommendation highlighted in yellow):

Airline	Destination	Codeshare/Interline	Freq/wk	Subsidy (mil)	Pax	Aircraft	Engine Type
Boutique Air	BOS	United/United	21	3.2 to 3.5	9	Pilatus PC-12	single-engine turboprop
Boutique Air	BOS / BWI	United/United	21	3.4 to 3.7	9	Pilatus PC-12	single-engine turboprop
Boutique Air	BOS / PIT	United/United	21	3.4 to 3.7	9	Pilatus PC-12	single-engine turboprop
Cape Air	ALB / BOS	Jetblue, interline w/network	21	3.0 to 3.1	9	Cessna 402	twin engine
Cape Air	BOS	Jetblue, interline w/network	21	3.4 to 3.4	9	Cessna 402	twin engine
Cape Air	ALB / BOS	Jetblue, interline w/network	21	2.7 to 2.9	9	Cessna 402	twin engine
Cape Air	BOS	Jetblue, interline w/network	21	3.0 to 3.2	9	Cessna 402	twin engine
Silver Airways	BOS	None/12 Major Airlines	12	3.6	34	Saab-340	twin-engine turboprop
Silver Airways	BOS	None/12 Major Airlines	12	3.7	34	Saab-340	twin-engine turboprop
Silver Airways	BOS	None/12 Major Airlines	18	6.8	34	Saab-340	twin-engine turboprop
SkyWest Airlines	IAD / ORD	United/United	12	3.0	50	CRJ-200	twinjet

In selecting a carrier to provide subsidized EAS for an eligible place not in Alaska, 49 U.S.C. § 41733(c)(1) directs the Department to consider five factors: (a) service reliability; (b) contractual and marketing arrangements with a larger carrier at the hub; (c) interline arrangements with a larger carrier at the hub; (d) community views, giving substantial weight to the views of the elected officials representing the users; and (e) whether the carrier has included a plan in its proposal to market its service to the community. In addition, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Public Law No. 115-141, provides that when selecting a carrier to provide EAS, the Department may consider the relative subsidy requirements. Community/public comments are being solicited and accepted until December 5, 2018. Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority Board and staff have reviewed the complete proposals as submitted by the airlines and strongly recommends the U.S. Department of Transportation accept the inseparable proposal by SkyWest Airlines to provide essential air services at Ogdensburg International Airport and Massena Airport for a two-year term. This recommendation is based on the evaluation criteria utilized by the United States Department of Transportation.

Board Chair Vernon D. Burns opened up the floor to questions and comments from the public. Samuel J. LaMacchia commented on the fantastic service provided by Cape Air over the years. He pointed out that it was amazing see 4 airlines bidding on Ogdensburg International Airport. Fred Carter asked if the SkyWest planes would be able to land with a 500ft ceiling. Executive Director Wade A. Davis asked Airport Manager Stephanie L. Saracco to respond. Ms. Saracco explained that this is up to the airline but that a regional jet could land with a lower ceiling, depending on the type of aircraft. She also pointed out that with the new MALSF and AWOS systems going into place, the Airport will be better equipped to accommodate landings with lower ceilings. Douglas W. Loffler stated that it was regrettable that Ogdensburg would lose the Albany/Boston flights. He asked if SkyWest would do its own marketing. Wade A. Davis confirmed that SkyWest had included a marketing budget as part of its proposal. There were some questions regarding deicing and refueling. Executive Director Wade A. Davis responded that the Airport is equipped to deice planes on the field and that he had made the airline aware that the Airport is able to fuel the planes. David D. King noted that Cape Air has been great but that they are so popular you can hardly get on the plane anymore. He commented that the Authority would be limiting itself if it did not consider SkyWest. Board Chair Vernon D. Burns asked Airport Manager Stephanie L. Saracco for her opinion. She stated that this was an amazing opportunity. On a motion by Megan J. M. Whitton, seconded by Joseph I. Andriano, it was resolved that,

WHEREAS Essential Air Service provides a vital transportation link to the National Air Transportation System,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority Board of Directors strongly recommends the United States Department of Transportation select SkyWest Airline's inseparable EAS proposal to provide essential air services to Ogdensburg International Airport and Massena Airport effective on or about April 1, 2019 based on the evaluation criteria set forth in Docket DOT-OST-1997-2842 (OGS) and OT-OST-2012-0163 (MSS).

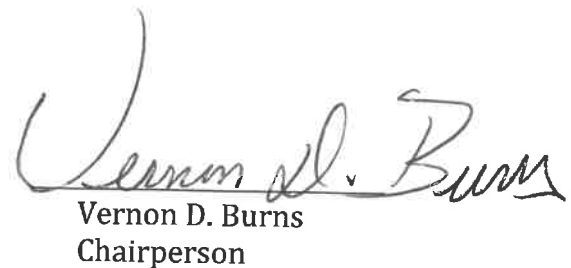
A vote was called.

AYES: Vernon D. Burns  
Megan J. M. Whitton  
Joseph I. Andriano  
David D. King

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Director Wade A. Davis, stated that there was a need to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a corporation. On a motion by Megan J. M. Whitton, seconded by David D. King, the meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:25 PM. On a motion by Joseph I. Andriano, seconded by Megan J. M. Whitton, the meeting resumed to public session at 8:40 PM. It was agreed that there would be a contract proposal ready for the next meeting. On a motion by Joseph I. Andriano, seconded by David D. King, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

  
Joseph I. Andriano  
Secretary

  
Vernon D. Burns  
Chairperson