

## ?Air Board votes to use \$5K in EDIT funds to pay for appraisals

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? The Salem Municipal Airport Board of Aviation Commissioners (BOAC) met in regular session on Monday evening, October 27 with all members present. The minutes of previous meetings were approved unanimously.

The BOAC unanimously agreed to take \$5,000 from its allocated \$18,000 Economic Development Income Tax Fund to pay for Governmental Appraisal Services fees incurred in the process of acquiring property for the new airport facility.

Board President, Bill Barnett, told the Board members that little was to report from project managers, R.W. Armstrong Engineers. "Since the grant cycle for 2008 was missed, things are on hold until next year." explained Barnett.

Barnett gave a report on repair efforts to the security fence west of the runway that was damaged when a tree located on the golf course property blew down in the September 14 hurricane.

In other business, the Board agreed to have Tim Peace put together guidelines in preparation to advertise for a new Flight Based Operator contract.

When the meeting was opened up to public comment, a concern was raised about warning lights on a communications tower and a water tower being out as a result of the September storm damage. According to Peace, responsibility for the maintenance and emergency power requirements of the lights are that of the owners of those structures. However, it was agreed that discussion should take place with the owners of the structures to explore remedies to the problem.

With no further business to conduct, the BOAC adjourned until its next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 24.