

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

October 18, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Admiral John H. Towers Terminal Building at the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport in Rome, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Chip Hood
Mr. Mike Britton
Ms. Charisse Durham

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commissioner
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management
Mr. Jim Hite, JLC AirShow Management
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker
Mr. Don Bailey, Museum of Flight
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA
Ms. Sara Hiern
Mr. Alfred (Spanky) Carnes
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for September 20, 2016.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that a meeting with air show emergency personnel will take place on Monday.

Mr. Mathews reported that the County approved to have the fuel tanks cleaned and inspected. He said that the inspection should take place in November shortly after the air show since 2 extra trucks will be on hand from the air show. The extra trucks will be used to hold the fuel from the tanks since the tanks must be emptied before the cleaning and the inspection.

Mr. Mathews reported that Dobbins will be using the ARFF truck at the air show. He said that the truck will be certified next week.

Mr. Mathews reported that he has a meeting with Baker to discuss and review the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for the airport. He said that the CIP will include any items that were on the budget that was approved and sent to the County Commission. He said that he would inform the Commission if any changes need to be made to the plan.

Mr. Mathews reported that the 2017 operating budget will be the same as 2016 with no changes. He said that the only capital item in the budget is a conference table. He said that anything in the budget can be removed at any time.

Mr. Mathews reported that he has received all of the security cameras. He said that he hoped to have the cameras mounted and ready to go live soon.

Mr. Carnes informed Mr. Mathews and the Commission that the beacon is not working properly. Mr. Mathews said that the beacon had been shot at some point and that replacement parts are very expensive. Mr. Van Wie said that options may be available for funding for a replacement. Mr. Mathews said that he would look into the repair and/or replacement of the beacon.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Chairman Hood reported that the airport hosted a landing competition over the weekend. He said that the competition had a good turnout of competitors and spectators.

Mr. Mathews reported that the airport recently installed a gate at the area between the college and the Swiger/Hubbard hangar. He said that one of the tenants wants an electronic gate to be placed at the area; however, such a gate will be very expensive.

PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The September financial information was reviewed by the Commission.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that both Avgas and Jet fuel sales were up for the month.

BAKER

Mr. Van Wie reported that everything is on schedule in regards to the Runway Extension Project.

Mr. Van Wie reported that Baker is now working on the airport's ALP (Airport Layout Plan).

COUNTY

Commissioner Wallace reported that a new vehicle has been ordered for the County Manager. She said that, once that vehicle arrives, Mr. Mathew's vehicle will be ready.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that both C-17's have been deployed; therefore, this year's air show will not have a C-17 on static display.

Mr. Cowman reported that two more Hornets have been added to the static display list for the air show.

Mr. Cowman reported that ticket sales have stretched across the US. Ticket sales have been reported in 27 states.

Mr. Cowman reported that Blue Angel #7 and Blue Angel #8 will fly over in December to conduct an aerial survey in preparation for next year's show.

Mr. Cowman asked the Commission to consider building a hangar that would be large enough to house large aircraft and/or multiple aircraft. Mr. Mathews said that many jets request overnight hangars as do other aircraft. He also said that the hangar would come in handy during the aerobatic competition and air show when hangar space is already limited.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

EAA

Not present

TIGERFLIGHT

Not present

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Mr. Don Bailey introduced himself to the Commission.

Mr. Bailey reported that the Museum has welcomed over 4600 visitors since January 1.

Mr. Bailey reported that maintenance and repairs are being performed on the T-28 and C-45.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that he would like to see RMG sign up as an AOPA fly-in host. He said that the event would need the cooperation of TigerFlight and the Museum. He also said that more hangar space and a meeting space would be needed for an event such as an AOPA fly-in. Most of the fly-ins draw up to 2500 people and upwards of 500 aircraft. Mr. Carroll also said that the event would be good publicity for the airport.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting.

Chip Hood, Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

- Dr. George Bosworth
- Mr. Mike Britton
- Mr. Charisse Durham
- Mr. Chip Hood
- Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

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| Ms. Erin Elrod | Mr. Mike Mathews |
| Mr. Irwin Bagwell | Mr. Scotty Hancock |
| Mr. Jamie McCord | Ms. Rhonda Wallace |
| Mr. Garry Fricks | Mr. Larry Maxey |