

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

November 21, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 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. Steve Graves  
Dr. George Bosworth  
Ms. Charisse Durham  
Mr. Brad Robert

### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager  
Ms. Rhonda Wallace(via phone),County Commission  
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight  
Mr. Phil Cataldo, TigerFlight  
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA  
Ms. Sara Hiern  
Mr. Earl Tillman  
Mr. Alfred Carnes  
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for October 17, 2017.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mathews introduced Mr. Al Squires. Mr. Squires maintains the airport's ILS (Instrument Landing System). Mr. Squires informed the commission that the Glide Slope failed due to a lightning strike and has been inoperative for a couple of months. He said that he has tried to maintain the system to the best of his abilities; however, the recent damage requires the need for a new system. He said that he has worked on the localizer as well and that component is old and outdated and should be replaced as well in the next few years.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that the Glide Slope equipment should be received by the end of January. Once the system is received, another few weeks will be required for flight checks and certification.

Mr. Mathews reported that the GCO failed a couple of weeks ago and is in the process of being repaired. The system should return to operation in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Mathews gave the Expense vs. Revenue report for the air show. He reported that the airport had a \$52,450 profit for the show with 83,034 visitors and \$6.3 million economic impact. Ms. Wallace questioned if the airport's profit was in line with other air show profits from other airports. Mr. Mathews said that the numbers are in line with others. He said that he feels that this number is a good benchmark for the years to come since many of the bigger aircraft were unable to perform due to deployments and repairs. Ms. Wallace advised that expenses may need to be adjusted for next year's show.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

None

## BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Chairman Hood reported that work is being done to get RMG included on the DOD (Dept. of Defense) list for contract fuel.

Chairman Hood reported that Mr. Robert Hortman flew in on Saturday in an F-18. Mr. Hortman purchased over 1,000 gallons of fuel before leaving on Sunday.

## PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

## FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves gave the financial report.

Vice Chairman Graves said that October was a very good month.

## BAKER

Mr. Mathews reported that the Runway Extension Project is on schedule. He said that surveyors have been at the airport drilling for core samples.

## COUNTY

None

## JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Not present.

## GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present.

## EAA

Not present.

## TIGERFLIGHT

Mr. Cataldo reported that Mr. Robert Deeble is the new president of the board for TigerFlight.

Mr. Cataldo reported that TigerFlight now has 14 pilots who manage the aircraft.

Mr. Cataldo reported that great things are coming for TigerFlight with social media and education and motivational programs for children.

Mr. Cataldo reported that TigerFlight is currently trying to communicate with the Rome Braves to begin doing fly-overs before home games. He asked the Commission if anyone could help members of TigerFlight get a meeting with the Rome Braves. Commissioner Durham said that she would be happy to assist with a meeting for the two entities.

### MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Ms. Lewis reported that the Open Hangar Gala will be at the museum hangar on April 14, 2018.

Ms. Lewis said she is currently working on where the museum can put the F-14 that has been acquired. She said that a C-130 will be bringing most of the parts to RMG.

### FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

### AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that he is still working on information for the regional AOPA fly-in. He said that he needs a timetable on when the new hangar will be built. He said that he also needs letters of recommendation from officials.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Durham reported that the Adult Prom will be held at Georgia Northwestern's hangar on May 12, 2018. The theme will be A Flight to Remember.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

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Chip Hood, Chairman

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Date

#### DISTRIBUTION

Dr. George Bosworth  
Ms. Charisse Durham  
Mr. Steve Graves  
Mr. Chip Hood  
Mr. Brad Robert

#### COUNTY COMMISSION

Ms. Erin Elrod	Mr. Mike Mathews
Mr. Allison Watters	Mr. Scotty Hancock
Mr. Jamie McCord	Ms. Rhonda Wallace
Mr. Wright Bagby	Mr. Larry Maxey