

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

February 20, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 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
Mr. Brad Robert

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Ms. Rhonda Wallace(via phone),County Commission
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Floyd County Government
Mr. Mike Reiter, Baker
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight
Mr. Tim Mullins, North Georgia Aviation
Mr. Jeremy Kwaterski, North GA Balloon Festival
Mr. Tom Prior, TigerFlight
Mr. John Cowman, Wings Over North Georgia
Mr. Alfred Carnes
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for December 14, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tim Mullins gave a presentation introducing his business, North Georgia Aviation. In general, the business will complete maintenance and avionics work on airplanes and will eventually offer plane rentals and flight lessons. Currently, Mr. Mullins rents two T-Hangars for his business and will build a new hangar for his business after a year in the current location. Chairwoman Wallace asked Mr. Mathews to construct an agreement outlining the intentions of the business to start in the two hangars and building a business hangar after one year.

Mr. Jeremy Kwaterski gave a presentation asking the Commission's permission to bring the North Georgia Balloon Festival to RMG. He said the event would have 6-12 balloons, a carnival, vendors, workshops, etc. Mr. Kwaterski said that he has already been in talks with TigerFlight and the Museum of Flight. Possible event dates are May 18-20, August 24-26, and September 14-16. Mr. Burkhalter said that an agreement will need to be written and signed by the organization and Floyd County.

Mr. Carnes asked the Commission if there is a way for the personal property taxes that are collected on aircraft could be allocated to the airport for upkeep and maintenance. Chairman Hood asked to get a report of how much money is collected from taxes on aircraft. Mr. Burkhalter said that he will get the report together.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that the Grand Jury visited the airport last Friday. He said that the meeting went very well.

Mr. Mathews reported that he attended Georgia Airport Association Day at the Capital. He said that he went in front of the Senate and House and received a resolution along with other board officers.

Mr. Mathews reported that the Localizer is back up and running. Flight Check will be Tuesday February 27.

Mr. Mathews reported that Ned retired. He said that the job will be posted until February 26.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Chairman Hood reported that the annual trip to Washington is coming up and he will need a list of items to present.

PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves gave the financial report.

Mr. Mathews reported that the new conference table came in but was damaged.

Vice Chairman graves reported that December fuel sales were good. January fuel sales were not as good due to weather.

BAKER

Mr. Reiter reported that Runway 7/25 Overlay Project is in the works. He also said that the runway extension survey work is finished. The next step for the runway extension is closing Jones Mill Road.

Mr. Reiter also reported that surveying for the Runway 1/19 Overlay Project will begin soon.

COUNTY

Chairwoman Wallace asked Mr. Mathews to lower Avgas prices to the lowest in the area. She said to try the prices for a month to see if Avgas sales rise. Mr. Mathews said that he would lower the prices on March 1.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that the Wings Over North Georgia Air Show will take place October 13-14. This year's headliners will be the F-22 Raptor and the A-10 Demo Team. The Raptor will be staged at Dobbins. He said that the arresting gear will be staged at Anniston.

Mr. Cowman reported that he is hoping to bring Tora, Tora, Tora! to the air show.

Mr. Cowman reported that Wings Over North Georgia will be sponsoring a truck at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present.

EAA

Not present.

TIGERFLIGHT

None

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Ms. Lewis reported that the Gala will be April 14. She also reported that a donor has donated a table at the Gala for the Commission.

Ms. Lewis reported that the F-14 should be here mid-March.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chip Hood, Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

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

COUNTY COMMISSION

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