

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

March 17, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 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  
Mr. Brad Robert

### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager  
Mr. Jamie McCord, County Manager  
Mr. Garry Fricks, County Commissioner  
Ms. Amanda Hill, Robert & Company  
Mr. Jack Mayfield, Pond Company  
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management  
Mr. David Wright, TigerFlight  
Mr. Todd Carroll  
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for February 17, 2015.

### OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Hood reported that management and the Commission have decided to deny a lease to Skydive the Farm who was interested in bringing operations to RMG. Commissioner Robert motioned to deny Skydive the Farm's request to bring operations to RMG. Vice Chairman Britton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Hood opened the floor for nominations for Post 4 of the Airport Commission which was previously held by Johnny Davis. Vice Chairman Britton nominated Mr. David Wright. Chairman Hood nominated Mr. Steve Graves. Commissioner Robert nominated Mr. Todd Carroll. Vice Chairman motioned to submit the nominations for Post 4 of the Airport Commission to the County Commission. Commissioner Robert seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Mathews reported that he sent the flight museum lease agreement to the County attorney and then to the museum directors for approvals. The agreement is structured like the TigerFlight lease.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that he is still working to get the ARFF/crash truck to full service. He said that the fire department will help put water in the truck. They will also help train airport personnel on how to operate the truck. He also said that he is looking into gear for airport personnel.

Mr. Mathews reported that all projects have been on hold due to weather.

Mr. Mathews also reported that he met with GDOT and Baker Engineer about grants to buy easements on property around the airport where trees are growing and could be a potential obstruction.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Mathews reported that airport personnel cleared the runway after the snow by using a small plow. After the sun hit the runway for six hours, it was clear for operations.

## BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None

## PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

## FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Britton gave the financial report for February 2015.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that 2014 fuel sales looked good.

Vice Chairman Britton also reported that February jet fuel sales were up.

## BAKER

Not present.

## COUNTY

Commissioner Fricks reported that Chamber officials and Commissioners made a presentation to senators. He said that they were very impressed that the citizens supported SPLOST.

## JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that Air Force will be sending two P-51's with the F-22 Raptor.

Mr. Cowman also reported that 3 Ospreys will be at the air show.

Mr. Cowman reported that a C-17, C-130 and the Savannah Guard want to come to the air show.

Vice Chairman Britton asked if the traffic woes from last year have been rectified for this year's show. Mr. Cowman said that Sunday's plans from last year will be implemented for this year's show. He also said that other changes have been made as well.

## GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present.

## EAA

Mr. Carroll reported that the EAA met for a work day recently.

Mr. Carroll reported that scouts want to camp at the EAA the first weekend of May.  
Mr. Carroll reported that some EAA members will be helping with the aerobatic competition in June.

TIGERFLIGHT

Mr. Wright reported that TigerFlight received a grant from AOPA.  
Mr. Wright also reported that field trips will be starting soon.  
Mr. Wright reported that Aviation Explorers started on Saturday.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Not present.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

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  
Mr. Mike Britton  
Mr. Chip Hood  
Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

Ms. Kathy Arp                      Mr. Mike Mathews  
Mr. Irwin Bagwell                Mr. Scotty Hancock  
Mr. Jamie McCord                Ms. Rhonda Wallace  
Mr. Garry Fricks                 Mr. Larry Maxey  
Mr. Tommy Manning