

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

March 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 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. George Bosworth
Mr. Steve Graves
Mr. Brad Robert

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Kevin Evans

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Interim Airport Manager
Mr. John Carroll, Airport Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, County Manager
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commission
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management
Mr. Doug Walker, Rome News Tribune
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA
Mr. Earl Tillman
Mr. Alfred Carnes
Mr. Tim Cline
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for February 19, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Burkhalter introduced Mr. John Carroll as the new Airport Manager.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Burkhalter reported that fuel sales are up and operating expenses are down.

Mr. Burkhalter reported that the County Commission approved the agreement for the balloon festival, which will be held in June.

Mr. Burkhalter reported that dignitaries met with the FAA about the upcoming runway extension and the need for additional funding for the project. He said that the meeting went very well and that a decision should be made in the coming months.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None.

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves reported that January and February saw exceptional fuel sales.

BAKER

Mr. Van Wie reported that the pre-construction meeting for the Runway 7/25 Overlay Project will be held next week. He said that the project should start on the first of April.

COUNTY

Mr. McCord welcomed Mr. Carroll as the new Airport Manager. He said that he and the County Commissioners are very happy to have Mr. Carroll at RMG.

North Georgia Balloon Festival

None.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that one of the performers for the August air show flew in for a few days for a visit.

Mr. Cowman reported that he is working to confirm an F-16 demo team for this year's air show.

Mr. Cowman also reported that he is working on an air racing event to coincide with the air show in August. He said that, if the event is unable to take place at this year's show, it will definitely take place at next year's show along with performances by the Thunderbirds.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

EAA

None.

TIGERFLIGHT

None.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

None.

AIR METHODS

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that Mr. Owen is still working to get the AOPA Fly-In for RMG.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Carnes informed the Commission that Calhoun and other airports are in the process of building new hangars. He stressed that Rome should follow suit and add new hangars as well since we currently have a waiting list. Mr. Burkhalter stated that RMG currently has four people planning to build hangars in the coming months.

Mr. Carnes stated that the asphalt on the back row of hangars needs to be repaired. Chairman Hood said that the Commission and the County are aware of the issue and are working to resolve it presently.

Mr. Tillman said that the Rosie event attracted a large crowd over the weekend.

Mr. Cline informed the Commission that grass is growing in the cracks on some of the taxiways. He recommended killing the weeds and sealing the cracks in order to prevent further damage.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chip Hood, Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

- Dr. George Bosworth
- Mr. Kevin Evans
- Mr. Steve Graves
- Mr. Chip Hood
- Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

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