

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

April 18, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 18, 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. Mike Britton  
Dr. George Bosworth

### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager  
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, County Assistant Manager  
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commissioner  
Mr. James Miorin, Baker  
Mr. Pete O'Hare, Museum of Flight  
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight  
Mr. Doug Walker, Rome News Tribune  
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA  
Mr. Alfred Carnes  
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for March 21, 2017.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that a remote control airplane crashed at the airport. Emergency personnel were called to the scene. Mr. Mathews said that he has had previous altercations with the owner of the planes and has informed him that it is illegal to operate remote control airplanes at RMG. Mr. Mathews met with the owner of the planes and discussed the consequences of another incident if one should happen again.

Mr. Mathews reported that he is working with a contractor to decide the dimensions of the new hangar. Once the dimensions are decided upon, the specs will be sent to the County Engineer.

Mr. Mathews reported that he is working on an RFQ for fuel distributor as well as rental car agencies.

Mr. Mathews reported that the DME equipment needs to be repaired. He said the cost will be around \$3400.

Mr. Mathews reported that the state airport inspection went well. He said that the inspector noted some obstructions that need to be removed. He said that he may have to consider an avigation easement for the area off runway 7 since some of that property is not owned by the airport.

Mr. Mathews reported that Phase I of the Avigation Easement Project is almost finished. Once all offers have been made, phase II of the project will begin. He also asked the commission to consider purchasing 2 parcels of land that are part of the project. If purchased, the FAA grant will pay 90% and the State will pay 5% and the County will pay 5% of the parcel value. Vice Chairman Britton recommended that, before approval of the purchase, the commission learn the costs of clearing the land and demolishing the house that currently sits on one parcel. After discussion, Vice Chairman Britton motioned to table any decisions until the commission learns of possible FAA funding or local help from fire agencies to demolish the house. Once the information is received, hold a called meeting, if needed, to make a decision. Commissioner Bosworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Mathews also reported that Dobbins and the Army Corps of Engineers are still working on a lease payment schedule for use of the airfield for air drops.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

None

## 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.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that Jet sales are the highest that they have been all year.

## BAKER

Mr. Miorin reported that GDOT has the draft of the Environmental Assessment and is reviewing it. He said that Baker is currently working on the ALP (Airport Layout Plan) and should have a draft ready by the end of April.

Mr. Miorin reported that Baker is also currently working on Phase II of the fencing project.

## COUNTY

None

## JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Mathews reported that the air show in Brunswick went very well.

## GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

## EAA

Not present

## TIGERFLIGHT

Not present

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Mr. O’Hare reported that the museum has seen over 4,000 visits.

Mr. O’Hare reported the gala went very well. He said that a C-1 COD flew in for the event. Other aircraft also flew in for the event. He also said that Rome’s own Earl Tillman received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. O’Hare reported that the museum will not be able to acquire the F-14.

Chairman Hood commended the museum on a wonderful event and a job well done.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that he is still working on fly-in information. He said that he will need letters recommendation from local organizations to prove that Rome would really like to host the event.

Mr. Carroll asked about the possibility of having 24 hour access to the pilots’ lounge and bathrooms. He said the access could be controlled by a code that would allow customers to enter the building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Carnes said that, in an attempt to further market the airport, he would like to go to different airports in the area and leave flyers that last hangar specs and vacancies at RMG..

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. Charisse Durham
- 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    |