

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

April 4, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, April 4, 2016, 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. Steve Graves  
Dr. George Bosworth

### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager  
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. James Miorin, Baker  
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker  
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA  
Mr. Daniel Hester  
Ms. James Brinkley  
Ms. Sara Hiern  
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for February 16, 2016.

### OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Hood informed the commission that the airport received seven bids for the airport engineering firm. He said that, after interviewing three of the seven firms, the committee, decided to continue using Baker as the consulting agency for the airport. Commissioner Graves motioned to accept Baker as the engineering firm and to send that recommendation to the County Commission for approval. Commissioner Bosworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mathews introduced Mr. Daniel Hester. He said that Mr. Hester was recommended by Rome Fire Chief, Gene Proctor, and is a certified fireman. Mr. Hester is interested in helping with ARFF training and certification. Mr. Hester said that he would like to see the airport as a volunteer fire department and that his first goal is to get the airport certified by the state of Georgia as a volunteer department. Airport Commissioners asked Mr. Mathews to consult with the fire chief for approval and help regarding certification.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that Purple Heart signs have been placed at the entrances of the airport and on the gate leading to the hangars.

Mr. Mathews reported that the airport may host the regional aerobic competition on July 30.

Mr. Mathews also reported on items approved in the 2016 budget. He said that the two recliners have been purchased and the display case is out for bid. He also said that he met with EMA for the camera system. The 8 ft. rotary cutter and the fence projects have not been put out to bid yet.

Mr. Mathews reported that T-hangar roofing and terminal flooring projects will go out for bid soon. He also said that the Aviation Easement Project is moving along.

Mr. Mathews also reported that the design phase for the north perimeter fencing will start soon.

Mr. Mathews reported that he met with the FAA in Washington. Officials are very interested in RMG and the need for an extra 1,000 feet for runway 1/19.

Mr. Mathews reported that a Flight Options Beech Jet made an overrun on runway 7. No one was injured.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

None

### BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Chairman Hood reported that he and Mr. Mathews were able to meet with Senators about fencing for the airport and being included in the DOD (Department of Defense) fuel book.

### PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

### FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Britton gave the financial report.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that fuel sales are up from last year.

### BAKER

Mr. Miorin thanked the commission for choosing Baker as its engineering firm.

### COUNTY

Not present

### JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Not present

### GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

### EAA

Not present

### TIGERFLIGHT

Not present

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Mr. Mathews reported that around 1100 people attended the grand opening for the museum. He said that the helicopters were unable to fly due to weather; however, TigerFlight stepped in and gave flights to visitors.

Mr. Mathews reported that the museum’s gala will be held on Saturday.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that the Pilot Bill of Rights has passed the Senate.

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. Steve Graves
- Mr. Chip Hood
- Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

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| Ms. Jaime Armstrong | Mr. Mike Mathews   |
| Mr. Irwin Bagwell   | Mr. Scotty Hancock |
| Mr. Jamie McCord    | Ms. Rhonda Wallace |
| Mr. Garry Fricks    | Mr. Larry Maxey    |