

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

May 19, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 19, 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. Steve Graves

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, County Manager
Mr. Garry Fricks, County Commissioner
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management
Ms. Tina Bowling, JLC AirShow Management
Ms. Amanda Hill, Robert & Company
Mr. David Crowder, WRGA
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA
Mr. Don West, EAA
Ms. Tricia Steele, SAI Digital
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for April 21, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Tricia Steele, SAI Digital, gave a presentation outlining and explaining features of a new potential website for the airport. When asked if the website would be operational before October (in time for the air show), Ms. Steele answered that it could be ready in that time frame if work began immediately. Vice Chairman Britton motioned to approve the website under the auspices of the design plan that was presented. Commissioner Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that he has posted the permanent part time line position that was vacated by Matthew Lambert. He said that he has had quite a few people show interest in the position.

Mr. Mathews reported that he is still testing the ARFF truck. He said he is looking into gear and foam for training.

Mr. Mathews reported that work on the ARC grant is going good. He said that Public Works is putting rock down for the road work to begin.

Mr. Mathews reported that work on the Runway Safety Area project is moving along since the weather has been good recently.

Mr. Mathews also reported that a grant was given to the airport for Phase 1 of an off-site easement project. The project will cover avigation easements off airport property around the airport where trees need to be removed and maintained. This work will be the first of three phases of this project which will ultimately allow the airport to acquire avigation easement off airport property, surveys, appraisals, acquisition services and closing costs. Commissioner Graves motioned to approve the project for Phase 1 Off-Site Property Easement. Vice Chairman Britton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Mathews reported that the IAC 3 (International Aerobatic Club, Chapter 3) and RMG will host the East Coast Aerobatic Championship Competition June 3 through June 7. He said that 39 aircraft, so far, are expected to participate in the event. Competitors will be renting cars and purchasing fuel from the airport during the week.

Mr. Mathews reported that the County Commission approved the lease for Hixson Flight Museum. He said that, per the lease, the County will install a door and paint the hangar door and a partial interior wall.

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 for May 2015.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that Avgas sales remain steady and Jet fuel sales are down.

BAKER

Not present.

COUNTY

None

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that two F-18 Hornets have been confirmed for the October show.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present.

EAA

None

TIGERFLIGHT

Not present.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll said that he will check into websites for the new airport website.

Mr. Carroll also reported that the Pilot’s Bill of Rights #2 (an FAA enforced action) is gaining traction.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chip Hood, Chairman

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 |