

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

May 21, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 21, 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. Steve Graves  
Dr. George Bosworth  
Mr. Kevin Evans  
Mr. Brad Robert

### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Carroll, Airport Manager  
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager  
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commission(phone)  
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management  
Ms. Tina Talton, JLC Airshow Management  
Mr. Jeremy Kwaterski, North GA Balloon Festival  
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight  
Ms. Diane Wagner, Rome News Tribune  
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA  
Dr. Randy Sumner  
Mr. Earl Tillman  
Ms. Sara Hiern

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for April 16, 2019.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll introduced a new construction lease that will be used for future corporate/private hangar construction. He asked the Commission to look over the document and give any feedback that they see fit. The new lease will be the standard for any new hangars to be built at the airport. Mr. Carroll asked that the lease be approved at June's meeting.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported that April was a good month for operations.

Mr. Carroll reported that the 7/25 Overlay Project has been delayed and the expected finish date is the end of May.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

### BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

## PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None.

## FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves gave the financial report.

Vice Chairman Graves reported that Jet fuel sales were down in April; however, Avgas sales did very well.

## BAKER

Not present.

## COUNTY

Mr. Burkhalter reported that RMG did not win Federal funding for the Runway 1/19 Extension Project. He said that three airports in Georgia received funding. He stated that he would be inquiring on the reasoning behind the decision. Chairman Hood asked Commissioner Wallace to please let State Representatives know the disappointment shared by the County and Airport Commissions. Commissioner Wallace requested that Mr. Burkhalter and Mr. Carroll write a letter voicing the disappointment of the Commissions and the fact that RMG is shovel ready for the extension project and are in need of assistance with the project.

## North Georgia Balloon Festival

Mr. Kwaterski reported that the upcoming balloon festival ticket sales and vendor slots are doing very well. He said that he is currently working on parking issues including blocking Warren Rd. to through traffic for shuttle buses. Chairman Hood asked about planes that may fly in for the festival. Mr. Kwaterski answered that he will leave a stack of tickets at the desk for free admission for planes flying in for the festival. Chairman Hood also asked if a helicopter would be giving rides during the festival. Mr. Kwaterski said that a bi-plane and a Cobra will be giving rides. He also said that all plane rides would cease when the balloons are lifted.

## JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that the F-16 demo is confirmed for August's air show.

## GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

## EAA

None.

## TIGERFLIGHT

None.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Ms. Lewis reported that the T-28's and the C-45 will be flying during the balloon festival to help the event coincide with the museum's Open House which will be held the same weekend.

AIR METHODS

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Todd Carroll reported that he and Mr. Owen are still working to secure RMG as a host for the AOPA Fly-In.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Hood asked what the options are for the runway extension since RMG did not receive additional funding. Mr. Burkhalter said that there are several options for the next steps with the project.

Vice Chairman Graves asked about the progress on the Obstruction Project. Mr. Burkhalter said that most of the cases have been settled; however, there are some who will not settle and those will be dealt with in a separate phase.

Chairman Hood asked about progress on repairing the taxiway on the back row of hangars. Mr. Burkhalter said that County is working on prices on a used sweeper/vacuum to use temporarily to alleviate the issue until the area can be milled and repaved.

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Chip Hood, Chairman

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Date

DISTRIBUTION

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

COUNTY COMMISSION

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