

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

July 18, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 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. Steve Graves
Dr. George Bosworth
Ms. Charisse Durham
Mr. Brad Robert

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Gary Burkhalter, County Assistant Manager
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commission
Mr. Mike Reiter, Baker
Mr. Matt Deville, Museum of Flight
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA
Ms. Sarah Hiern
Mr. Alfred Carnes
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for June 12, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wallace opened the floor for nominations for Airport Commission Chairman. Commissioner Graves nominated Chairman Hood to remain Chair. Commissioner Durham seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Chairman Hood opened the floor for nominations for Airport Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Durham nominated Commissioner Graves. Commissioner Bosworth seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Chairman Hood reported that the airport has 2 potential corporate builders in addition to the community hangar that is currently being reviewed by the SPLOST committee. One building will be built in the new north corporate hangar area while the other one will be considered behind the T-Hangars at Warren Road.

Chairman Hood reported that house on Hatfield Road is now vacant. The house is used for live-in police officer who is responsible for security and surveillance of the airport grounds. Chairman Hood said that the Chief of Police has someone that would like to move in to the house.

Chairman Hood reported that the aerobatic competition went well and that they are considering bringing the world competition to RMG if more hangar space can be made available.

Chairman Hood reported that Mr. Mathews made a presentation to the SPLOST committee. The presentation outlined the need and benefits of building a community hangar at the airport. Commissioner Wallace said that the presentation went very well and that the committee was very interested in the hangar project and the ongoing Runway Extension Project that is already being funded by SPLOST.

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 fuel sales are good.

BAKER

Mr. Reiter reported that the Runway Extension Project is currently 4-6 weeks behind schedule.

Mr. Reiter presented the Airport Commission with the final draft of the updated Airport Layout Plan.

COUNTY

None

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that the Brunswick air show went very well.

Mr. Cowman reported that 10 of the Blue Angel pilots are from Georgia. He said that this show will be somewhat of a home show for those pilots.

Mr. Cowman reported that the first Emergency Management meeting will be held on August 1.

Mr. Cowman reported that the air show will have strong military static displays.

Mr. Cowman said that he is hoping that two C-17's will participate in this year's show. He said that one aircraft will perform in the show while the other one will be on static display.

Mr. Cowman said that an F-16 demo team is also interested in participating in the show.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

EAA

Not present

TIGERFLIGHT

None

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Mr. Deville reported that the Museum welcomed more than 114 visitors in the month of June.

Mr. Deville reported that a 1950's Hangar Dance is planned for September.

Mr. Deville reported that the Museum did 3 fly-bys for July 4 and 3 more for a memorial for the fallen soldiers in last year's Chattanooga attack.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll said that he needs letters of recommendation for the AOPA fly-in.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Carnes informed the commission that he and many tenants are in favor of the proposed community hangar. He said the airport needs the hangar in order to increase revenues that are currently being lost due to lack of space for larger aircraft.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chip Hood, Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

Dr. George Bosworth
Ms. Charisse Durham
Mr. Steve Graves
Mr. Chip Hood
Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

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