

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

July 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 19, 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
Dr. George Bosworth
Mr. Mike Britton
Ms. Charisse Durham
Mr. Brad Robert

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commissioner
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker
Mr. Pete O'Hare, Flight Museum
Ms. Christine Lewis, Flight Museum
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management
Mr. Earl Tillman
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for June 21, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Hood welcomed Charisse Durham to the Airport Commission. Ms. Durham is the first female to serve on the Airport Commission.

Mr. Mathews asked the Commission to approve Work Authorization #38 for the Airport Perimeter Fencing Project. Vice Chairman Britton motioned to approve Work Authorization #38. Commissioner Robert seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that the FAA will be coming on Wednesday to check the Glide Slope and the Localizer.

Mr. Mathews reported that the C-172 that was surrendered in bankruptcy now belongs to the airport. He said that the bank surrendered the plane to the airport in order to cover hangar rent that had accumulated during the bankruptcy. The County Attorney went through the proper channels and the airplane is now legally in our possession. Mr. Mathews now has to work with the FAA to gain the title. Mr. Mathews said that the airport will sell the plane and use the money to pay the rent owed.

Mr. Mathews reported that the Department of Agriculture checked the meters on the fuel trucks to make sure that the meters are running true. He said that they will return in a couple of weeks to finish up with the fuel farm meters.

Mr. Mathews reported that the Aerobatic Competition was last week. He said that the event went really well and that the competitors really like RMG. He said that Ms. Lisa Smith is trying to get the IAC (International Aerobatic Competition) to bring the National Championship to RMG in the future.

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 the month.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that fuel sales are down.

BAKER

Mr. Van Wie gave an update on the Runway Extension Project. He said that work has begun for the Environmental Assessment. He said that the projected finish date for the project is between January 2019 and March 2019. Ground breaking should begin in November 2017.

COUNTY

None

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that the F-18 Super Hornets and the Berlin Airlift C-54 and C-46 will be at the October air show.

Mr. Cowman reported that Travis Tritt will fly with the Thunderbirds on Thursday before the show in order to promote the show.

Mr. Cowman reported that the barbecue competition was cancelled due to the lack of sponsorship for the event. He said that the space that was allocated for the competition will now be used for premium camping.

Mr. Cowman reported that the Dobbins fire department would like to support the ARFF program at RMG. Mr. Mathews said that they are coming to look at the truck and certify it. He said that they will be using the airport's truck at the air show.

Mr. Cowman reported that the Blue Angels will be performing at next year's Wings Over North Georgia Air Show and the Snowbirds will return in 2018.

Mr. Cowman reported that JLC Airshow Management will be presenting the Wings Over Golden Isles show in Brunswick, GA October 8 and October 9.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

EAA

Not present

TIGERFLIGHT

Not present

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Mr. O'Hare reported that 2,267 visitors have visited the Museum to date. He said that the Museum has flown in 17 events and that they had their first mission request from the Navy.

Mr. O'Hare reported that the museum received a Howitzer yesterday.

Mr. O'Hare reported that the Museum received approval to receive a Huey helicopter.

Mr. O'Hare said that the Museum will be happy to open up its hangar to accommodate planes for next year's aerobatic competition.

Mr. O'Hare gave a schedule of events that are coming soon to the Museum.

Commissioner Robert asked about the air conditioning for the Museum. Mr. Mathews said that the unit will be delivered tomorrow.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that the Pilot Bill Rights 2 passed again.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Tillman announced that the Republican Party will have a gathering at his hangar on August 13.

Mr. Tillman announced that the Berry Elementary Kindergarten class will be flying with Rome Aviation on August 19.

Mr. Tillman suggested that the airport look into bringing an avionics shop to the field. Mr. O'Hare informed everyone that Merrell Avionics will to you within 24 hours when needed.

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

COUNTY COMMISSION

Ms. Erin Elrod Mr. Mike Mathews
Mr. Irwin Bagwell Mr. Scotty Hancock
Mr. Jamie McCord Ms. Rhonda Wallace

Mr. Chip Hood
Mr. Brad Robert

Mr. Garry Fricks

Mr. Larry Maxey