

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

August 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 15, 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. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager  
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, County Assistant Manager  
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commission  
Mr. Mike Reiter, Baker  
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management  
Ms. Tina Talton, JLC AirShow Management  
Mr. Joel Megginson, TigerFlight  
Mr. Tim Baird, TigerFlight  
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA  
Mr. Leslie Duke, Duke Museum of Military History  
Mr. Brad Prater  
Mr. Earl Tillman  
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for July 18, 2017.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Leslie Duke made a presentation to the Commission on his proposed military history museum he would like to put on the airport. He said that he would like to construct a 200x200 hangar with the museum built around it. The hangar would house various military aircraft that will be available for rides, field trips, etc. Mr. Mathews said that the area that is being considered for the new hangar is behind the current T-Hangars with easy access from Warren Road. Mr. Mathews said that TigerFlight and the Museum of Flight have already been approached with the concept to avoid conflict. Chairman Hood asked how the new museum would affect the air show. Mr. Duke said that he would love to work with Mr. Cowman and the air show. Mr. Mathews will continue to work with Mr. Duke on this project.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that he met with the environmental people about the Environmental Assessment for the Runway Extension Project.

Mr. Mathews reported that Mr. Jon Byrd will be hosting a Navion fly-in in September.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

None

### BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None

## PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

## FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves reported that fuel sales for the month are great.

## BAKER

Mr. Reiter reported that he will present the final draft of the ALP (Airport Layout Plan) at the next meeting.

Mr. Reiter reported that he is still working on the Environmental Assessment with GDOT and field workers from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Reiter reported that the State will fund the overlay of runway 1/19 once the runway extension takes place.

Mr. Reiter informed the Commission that, once construction on the runway extension begins, a decision will need to be made regarding the localizer. He said the Commission will need to decide between moving the old localizer and getting a new system altogether. The equipment that is currently being used is dated and no longer made or available.

## COUNTY

None

## JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that ticket sales are “very, very strong.”

Mr. Cowman reported that the first meeting with emergency services went very well.

Mr. Cowman reported that the C-17 Demo team has been confirmed.

Mr. Cowman reported that he is working with the Georgia State Patrol to have a demo team as well.

Mr. Cowman reported that a jet powered truck will be added to this year’s show. The truck will be in addition to the jet powered car.

Mr. Cowman reported that the Marine Corps of Engineering came to the airport to conduct a mobile arresting gear site visit.

## GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

## EAA

Not present

## TIGERFLIGHT

Mr. Megginson reported that the organization is still giving free flights to kids on the second Saturday of each month.

Mr. Megginson reported that a fourth plane has been added to the team.

Mr. Megginson reported that TigerFlight is currently working with the Rome Braves to do fly-overs at home games.

## MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Not present

## FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

## AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mathews thanked Commissioner Wallace, Mr. Burkhalter, County Management and the County Commission for their hard work getting the corporate hangar on list for SPLOST. Commissioner Wallace commended Mr. Mathews on a great presentation to the SPLOST committee.

## 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  
Ms. Charisse Durham  
Mr. Steve Graves  
Mr. Chip Hood  
Mr. Brad Robert

### COUNTY COMMISSION

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