

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

August 18, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 18, 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. George Bosworth
Mr. Steve Graves
Mr. Brad Robert

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Mr. Mike Reiter, Baker
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management
Ms. Amanda Hill, Robert and Co.
Ms. Sara Hiern
Mr. Fred Barasoain, Freedom Flight Center
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for July 28, 2015.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that Spriggs will complete the curb and gutter portion of the ARC Grant next week. He said that the County will pave the area and lay grass when the curb and gutter are finished.

Mr. Mathews reported that the final inspection for the Runway Safety Area Project went very well.

Mr. Mathews reported that an Easement Project kickoff meeting has been scheduled. He said that the meeting will go over process to begin acquiring easements off-site.

Mr. Mathews reported that Redmond EMS will renew the lease for their building. He said that the rate will go up 1.2%. That increase is the same that was applied to all of the airport's hangar rates for 2015.

Mr. Mathews reported that the Museum of Flight will be bringing more planes to RMG. Vice Chairman Britton commented that the paint looks very good in the museum's hangar. Mr. Mathews said that he is also looking into having a public entrance door installed at the hangar.

Mr. Mathews introduced Mr. Mike Van Wie from Baker.

Mr. Mathews reported that he will begin working on an RFQ for engineer consultants. He said that Purchasing will help with the process. The process should take a couple of months.

Mr. Mathews reported that the 6 month inspection for the ARFF truck went very well. The truck passed the inspection which is required in our agreement with the GA Forrestry Commission.

Mr. Mathews reported that air show meetings with security and law enforcement will begin next month.

Mr. Mathews said that he will begin working on the RFQ for a fuel supplier after the air show.

Mr. Mathews asked the commission for an approval for a recommendation to put fencing around the cave that is located just off of runway 19. Commissioner Graves motioned to approve purchasing and installing a fence around the cave. Commissioner Bosworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Mathews reported that the ARFF truck can be used at the air show if qualified personnel would like to use it.

Mr. Mathews reported that Public Works re-striped the taxiways and T-hangar areas with yellow paint and glass beads.

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 August 2015.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that fuel sales are down a little but are holding steady.

BAKER

Not present.

COUNTY

None

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman said that he is hoping to double the crowd from last year's show.

Mr. Cowman reported that the Navy is sending a Super Hornet team and a Hornet Team to perform at the air show.

Mr. Cowman reported that the Budweiser Clydesdales are coming for the opening ceremonies of the Saturday show.

Mr. Cowman said that the barbecue competition will be the first "Double" competition in the southeast.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present.

EAA

Not present.

TIGERFLIGHT

Vice Chairman Britton reported that TigerFlight flew 8 kids on the second Saturday.

FLIGHT MUSEUM

Mr. Barasoain reported that tomorrow, August 19, is National Aviation Day.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Willis presented the airport's new website to the commission. The website can be viewed at www.russellregionalairport.com.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mike Britton, Vice Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

Dr. George Bosworth
Mr. Mike Britton
Mr. Steve Graves
Mr. Chip Hood
Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

Ms. Jaime Armstrong	Mr. Mike Mathews
Mr. Irwin Bagwell	Mr. Scotty Hancock
Mr. Jamie McCord	Ms. Rhonda Wallace
Mr. Garry Fricks	Mr. Larry Maxey