

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

September 18, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 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. Kevin Evans  
Mr. Steve Graves

### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Interim Airport Manager  
Mr. Jamie McCord, County Manager  
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commission  
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker  
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management  
Mr. Pete O'Hare, Museum of Flight  
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight  
Mr. Joel Megginson, TigerFlight  
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA Representative  
Mr. Al Owen, L&M Aircraft  
Mr. Jeremy Kwaterski, Hot Air Balloon  
Dr. Harry Dawson, EAA  
Ms. Sara Hiern  
Mr. Earl Tillman  
Mr. Alfred Carnes  
Mr. Mike Britton  
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for August 21, 2018.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCord reported that the Airport Manager position has been posted.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

### BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

## PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None.

## FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves and Mr. Burkhalter gave the financial report.

## BAKER

Mr. Van Wie reported that the pre-construction meeting for the Runway 7/25 Overlay is ready to be scheduled. He said that engineers are still waiting on funding for the Runway 1/19 Overlay Project.

Mr. Van Wie reported that the Environmental Assessment is still under review.

Mr. Van Wie reported that engineers are still working on funding for the runway extension.

## COUNTY

Chairwoman Wallace suggested that the airport work to put flowers in the flower pots around the Terminal Building for the air show.

## North Georgia Balloon Festival

Mr. Kwaterski reported that balloons were able to go up but were never able to actually to take off for flights.

Mr. Kwaterski reported that revenues for the festival were good. He said that traffic improvements are needed.

Mr. Kwaterski reported that he will be able to give final financial reports for the balloon festival at a later time.

Mr. Kwaterski reported that many improvements are needed for future events. Improvements included event updates via social media and text messaging, traffic and parking, food vendors, and sufficient trash receptacles.

## JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that the air show is officially 24 days away.

## GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

## EAA

Dr. Dawson reported that the Memorial Service for Mark Fullerton was 2 weeks ago at the Calhoun Airport.

Dr. Dawson reported that a young man was injured at the EAA. He said that EAA visitors are no longer allowed past the EAA property.

TIGERFLIGHT

Mr. Megginson reported that TigerFlight took 70 people for flights last Saturday and Sunday.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Mr. O’Hare reported that the Museum has seen 11,000 visitors and flown 183 missions to date.

Mr. O’Hare reported that the F-14 will arrive in the next few weeks.

AIR METHODS

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that the AOPA representative was very impressed with RMG.

Mr. Carroll informed the Commission that he still needs letters of support and a dedicated person from the Commission to be involved in AOPA Fly-In planning. Commissioner Evans volunteered to work with Mr. Carroll and AOPA representatives as the Airport Commission representative. Commissioner Bosworth motioned to appoint Commissioner Evans as the Airport Commission Representative for the AOPA Fly-In planning. Vice Chairman Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Owen asked who he needs to contact in order to mark water lines around the L&M Aircraft facility. Mr. McCord offered to get Mr. Owen in touch with the appropriate department.

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
- Mr. Kevin Evans
- Mr. Steve Graves
- Mr. Chip Hood
- Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

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