

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

January 21, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 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. Brad Robert
Mr. Steve Graves
Dr. George Bosworth
Mr. Kevin Evans
Dr. Randy Sumner

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Carroll, Airport Manager
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant
Mr. Jamie McCord, County Manager
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Charles Adeogun, Baker
Mr. Mike Van Wie, CMT
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management
Mr. Jim Hite, JLC Airshow Management
Mr. Christopher Cowman, JLC Airshow Management
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight
Mr. Phil Cataldo, TigerFlight Foundation
Mr. Rip Johnston, ROPA
Mr. Fred Barasoain, ROPA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for December 17, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll proposed a few changes to Airport Policy 19-07 Airport Camping Policy and Liability Waiver. Vice Chairman Graves motioned to approve the policy with the proposed changes. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll proposed two changes to the current T-hangar lease in order to allow companies and LLC's and their dignitaries to sign leases. Commissioner Bosworth motioned to approve the changes to the T-hangar lease. Vice Chairman Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Carroll proposed an addendum to the current Larry A. Owen and Monie E. Owen (aka L&M Aircraft) land lease. The addendum includes a 30 year extension as long as specified requirements are met. Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the addendum to the Larry A. Owen and Monie E. Owen (aka L&M Aircraft) land lease. Commissioner Bosworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Carroll presented the commission with the new TigerFlight Foundation hangar lease. The lease will be a two year lease with an option for an additional two years. A recommendation was made by Commissioner Sumner to propose specifying the lease rate if different than T-hangar rates. The proposal was approved. Vice Chairman Graves motioned to approve the TigerFlight Foundation lease subject to the change recommended by Commissioner Sumner. Commissioner Sumner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported that the Runway Safety Area Project is out for bid.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Commissioner Evans reported that there are currently six vacant T-hangars. Two people are on the waiting list while they wait to purchase aircraft.

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves gave the financial report.

Vice Chairman Graves reported that fuel sales have been very good.

BAKER

Mr. Adeogun reported the pre-bid meeting was held this morning for the Runway Safety Area Project.

CMT

Mr. Van Wie made a presentation outlining the timing and structuring of the Runway Extension Project.

COUNTY

None.

North Georgia Balloon Festival

None.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

None.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

EAA

None.

TIGERFLIGHT FOUNDATION FOUNDATION

Mr. Cataldo reported that the foundation is in the process of purchasing all of the TigerFlight Foundation aircraft from the owners.

Mr. Cataldo reported that TigerFlight Foundation has been working with the Museum of Flight on various projects.

Mr. Cataldo reported that 176 kids have flown with TigerFlight Foundation.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Ms. Lewis reported that the Museum of Flight will host another Rosie day on March 21, 2020.

ROPA

Mr. Barasoain asked for justifications for extending the runway and constructing a community corporate size hangar.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Robert adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Brad Robert, Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

- Dr. George Bosworth
- Mr. Kevin Evans
- Mr. Steve Graves
- Mr. Brad Robert
- Dr. Randy Sumner

COUNTY COMMISSION

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