

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

October 15, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 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. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commission
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management
Ms. Tina Talton, JLC Airshow Management
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker
Mr. James Miorin, Baker
Mr. Larry Owen, L&M Aircraft
Mr. Al Owen, L&M Aircraft/AOPA
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight
Mr. Ryan Underwood, Ace Aviation
Mr. Darrell Everett
Ms. Sara Hiern
Mr. Mick Williams
Mr. Rick Swiger

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Owen informed the Commission that he was disappointed in the new lease agreement that was offered to him as a result of making additions to his maintenance facility. He said that he had asked for an additional 30 years to be included in the new lease agreement since the current agreement only has 10 years remaining. The new lease agreement did not offer any extension to the lease. Mr. Carroll assured Mr. Owen and the Commission that he is working with the County attorney to see if there is any way an extension can be included in the new lease.

Mr. Everett expressed his concern with the proposed additional 5% to be added to rental rates on end hangars near the taxiway. He said that he considers his end hangar to be a nuisance since everyone must taxi past those hangars in order to get to the taxiway. He also said that the hangars on those ends do not have very good power since they are on the very end of the row.

Mr. Underwood asked Mr. Carroll when the runway and taxiway lights will be repaired since several are out at the moment. Mr. Carroll answered that the airport just spent \$6,000 on replacement lights.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll asked the Commission to approve the new T-hangar lease to include one change on page 3 of the agreement. The 30 day notice will be changed to 60 days as recommended by the Commission. Commissioner Sumner recommended adding a clause allowing for longer periods of time for pre-purchases...any extension would be at the manager's discretion. Commissioner Bosworth motioned to change the lease to include the 90 extension at the manager's discretion. Vice Chairman Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Commissioner Bosworth motioned to send the lease with the approved changes to the County Commission for approval. Vice Chairman Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Carroll gave feedback from tenants regarding the rate changes on the new T-hangar leases. After discussion regarding an additional 5% rate increase for end hangars and hangars with bathrooms, Commissioner Sumner motioned to remove the additional 5% rate increase for end hangars but keep the additional 5% increase for hangars with bathrooms. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Vice Chairman Graves motioned to send the proposed rental rates to County Commission for approval. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll informed the Commission that the Ace Aviation Lease is finished and ready for approvals from the Airport and County Commissions. Mr. Underwood said that everything is ready to go and should be ready in March. Mr. Swiger expressed his concern of more flight schools or commercial hangars being built in that area and bringing more traffic to that area. Commissioner Sumner motioned to approve the Ace Aviation Lease as written. Vice Chairman Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Carroll introduced Airport Policy 19-06 for T-hangar Waiting List and Procedure. He asked that the policy be tabled until the next meeting so that it can be sent out to tenants for feedback.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported that the draft for the Environmental Assessment for the runway extension will be advertised for public viewing for 30 days.

Mr. Carroll reported that he still working on final arrangements for installation of the new self-serve unit.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None.

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves gave the financial report.

Vice Chairman Graves reported that fuel sales were very good for the month.

BAKER

None.

COUNTY

None.

North Georgia Balloon Festival

None.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

None.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

EAA

None.

TIGERFLIGHT

None.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Ms. Lewis reported that the museum will be on the cover of Air and Space magazine next month.

AIR METHODS

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll announced that the aerobatic competition will be held this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Robert adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Brad Robert, Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

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

COUNTY COMMISSION

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