

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

November 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 19, 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  
Mr. Kevin Evans  
Dr. Randy Sumner

### MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Dr. George Bosworth

### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Carroll, Airport Manager  
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Jamie McCord, County Manager  
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager  
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commission  
Mr. Wade Hoyt, The Hoyt Firm  
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker  
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management  
Ms. Tina Talton, JLC Airshow Management  
Mr. Al Owen, L&M Aircraft/AOPA  
Mr. Larry Owen, L&M Aircraft  
Mr. Ryan Underwood, Ace Aviation  
Mr. Fred Barasoain, Freedom Flight Center  
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight  
Mr. Harry Dawson, EAA  
Mr. Chip Hood  
Mr. Lee Bagley  
Mr. Mick Williams  
Ms. Sara Hiern

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for October 15, 2019.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barasoain informed the commission that local tenants and pilots are forming a pilot's association. The first meeting held focused on safety and special events. Chairman Robert said that a line will be added to future agendas for the pilot's association.

Ms. Hiern informed the commission that the truck parked at the museum has not been moved. She said that the placement of the truck obstructs the view of the taxiway for traffic. Chairman Robert asked Ms. Lewis to move the truck.

Mr. Underwood asked about the status of the runway and taxiway lights. Mr. Carroll said that the airport is progressively working on the lights and transformers.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll reported that he received 9 comments/questions regarding the Airport Policy 19-06. He said that he updated the policy in response to those comments and questions. Mr. Carroll and Mr. Hoyt addressed concerns over leases in corporation names. Mr. Carroll asked Mr. Hoyt to draft a T-hangar lease for corporations to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Carroll asked the commission to review the changes to Policy 19-06 and table voting on the policy until the next meeting. Vice Chairman Graves motioned to table voting on Airport Policy 19-06 until the next meeting. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported that the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) has been approved by the County.

Mr. Carroll reported that Mr. James Miorin has left Baker. Mr. Charles Adeogun will be Baker's engineer for RMG.

Mr. Carroll reported that lighting has been updated in several hangars. He said that the airport is experimenting with LED lights in hangars.

Mr. Carroll reported that the design phase for the Runway Safety Area is underway.

Mr. Carroll reported that he requested increased funding for airport maintenance items on the 2020 budget.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

## BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

## FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Commissioner Evans reported that the airport currently has 4 vacant T-hangars. The waiting list has 2 people who are waiting for aircraft.

## FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Graves gave the financial report.

Vice Chairman Graves reported that fuel sales were down for the month due to the lack of an air show in 2019.

Ms. Hiern asked the commission to allow tenants to receive the self-serve price for fuel from the truck since some cannot climb the ladder at the self-serve station. Mr. Underwood agreed with Ms. Hiern and added that it does not make sense for pilots to pay more for fuel at RMG when they can go other places for cheaper fuel. Chairman Robert said that the commission will re-evaluate self-serve and tenant fuel prices after 6 months.

Mr. Carroll reported that the new self-serve unit is up and running.

## BAKER

None.

## COUNTY

Commissioner Wallace reported that Mr. David Parker is wanting to have a truck show at RMG in May. Mr. Carroll said that he is working with Mr. Parker to complete the proper paperwork required by the FAA for special events. Mr. Burkhalter recommended that Mr. Carroll compose a policy for this event and others like it.

Mr. Carroll reported that he is still working on airport camping.

Mr. McCord informed the commission that the airport's budget has been increased for future maintenance.

## North Georgia Balloon Festival

None.

## JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that he will be going to ICAS in Las Vegas in 2 weeks.

Mr. Cowman reported that the inaugural air race event at the 2020 air show will feature 16 planes.

## GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

## EAA

Dr. Dawson reported that EAA membership numbers have increased.

Dr. Dawson reported that the EAA conducted 26 Young Eagle flights 2 weeks ago for the Boy Scouts.

Dr. Dawson thanked the Airport Commission and the airport for hosting the aerobatic competition.

## TIGERFLIGHT

None.

## MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Ms. Lewis thanked Mr. Carroll for the new lights in the museum hangar.

## AIR METHODS

None.

## AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

## OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Robert adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

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Brad Robert, Chairman

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Date

DISTRIBUTION

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

COUNTY COMMISSION

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