

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

February 18, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 18, 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
Ms. Rhonda Wallace, County Commission
Mr. Charles Adeogun, Baker
Mr. Mike Van Wie, CMT
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Management
Mr. Al Owen, L&M Aircraft
Mr. Fred Barasoain, ROPA
Mr. Charlie Sikes, IAC 3
Mr. Marty Flournoy, IAC 3
Mr. Howard Lowden
Ms. Sara Hiern
Dr. Ryland Scott

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for January 21, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll presented commissioners with the final version of the hangar lease for the Museum of Flight. Vice Chairman Graves motioned to approve the lease. Commissioner Sumner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Carroll informed the commission that the Museum of Flight has requested to relocate the charging station from the current location in front of their hangar, to a different museum site. Commissioner Sumner recommended keeping the charging station in its current location since electric cars are gaining popularity. Vice Chairman Graves motioned to table the matter until the next meeting. Commissioner Sumner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported that the Runway Safety Area Project was awarded to CW Matthews.

Mr. Carroll reported that headway is being made with the ongoing T-hangar evaluations. So far, only 25 tenants signed up for evaluations.

Mr. Carroll reported that the National Weather Service has changed the ASOS phone number to (706)235-3335.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Commissioner Evans reported that there are currently eight 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, although Avgas sales have been very good, Jet A and Self-Serve sales have been down largely due to the weather.

BAKER

Mr. Adeogun reported the Runway Safety Area Project was awarded to CW Matthews.

CMT

None.

COUNTY

None.

North Georgia Balloon Festival

None.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that the Golden Knights have been confirmed for the air show in October.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Speaking for Mr. Jon Byrd:

Mr. Carroll reported that there are eight students waiting to begin classes.

Mr. Carroll reported that one class will be graduating in July and that new classes will begin in August and January.

Mr. Carroll reported that the college is seeking an additional instructor.

EAA

Ms. Hiern reported that the EAA has seen very good attendance during the last few meetings.

TIGERFLIGHT FOUNDATION FOUNDATION

None.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

None.

ROPA

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lowden introduced Mr. Marty Flourny and Mr. Charlie Sikes from IAC 3. Mr. Sikes and Mr. Flourny thanked the Airport Commission and the staff for accommodating the aerobatic competition over the years by presenting a letter to Mr. Carroll. They also scheduled the Mark Fullerton Memorial Bear Creek Bash for the first week in June.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Robert adjourned the meeting at 4:40 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 Mr. Gary Burkhalter
Ms. Allison Watters Mr. Scotty Hancock
Mr. Jamie McCord Ms. Rhonda Wallace
Mr. Wright Bagby Mr. Larry Maxey