

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

June 22, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, June 22, 2020, in the Berry Shorter Room of the Forum in Rome, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Brad Robert
Mr. Steve Graves
Mr. Kevin Evans

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Dr. George Bosworth
Dr. Randy Sumner

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Carroll, Airport Manager
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Bruce Ivey, County Engineer
Mr. Charles Adeogun, Baker
Mr. Mike Reiter, CMT
Mr. James Miorin, CMT
Mr. Earl Tillman

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for February 18, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll presented the commission with a list of questions raised by ROPA regarding the runway extension. Mr. Carroll addressed and answered each question in detail.

Mr. Carroll informed the commission that ROPA has been incorporated and will now appear on the agenda for commission meetings. He said that he welcomes all insight that the organization will bring to the meetings.

Mr. Carroll informed the commission that ROPA is asking for results of the fuel price study that would potentially allow tenants to begin purchasing fuel at the self-serve rate after a 3 month review of fuel sales. The review comes after changing the tenant price to a slightly higher price than self-serve on November 1, 2019. Mr. Carroll asked the commission to extend the study to a year in light of the recent COVID-19 shutdowns that brought fuel sales to an all-time low. He said that he felt that the dramatic decrease in fuel sales would not provide a true study since the 3 month time frame fell during those months. Chairman Robert asked Mr. Carroll to confirm the exact results that ROPA is hoping to find with the fuel study and then proceed to include the remainder of the year in the study. Vice Chairman Graves motioned to table the fuel price study until July when a ROPA representative can confirm the exact results desired from the fuel study. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Vice Chairman Graves motioned to keep the current Avgas price structure until July's meeting. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported that the final inspection for the Runway Safety Area Project will take place June 23, 2020.

Mr. Carroll reported that bidding for the first phase of the Runway 1/19 Extension Project opened on June 11, 2020.

Mr. Carroll reported that Public Works will be repairing the dip in taxiway A on June 30, 2020. He said that the taxiway will be partially closed for half the day. A NOTAM will be issued.

Mr. Carroll reported that Mr. Earl Tillman would like to build a corporate hangar at the airport. After discussion regarding potential sites for a new hangar, Commissioner Evans motioned to approve one of two sites contingent upon further discussion. Vice Chairman Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Commissioner Evans reported that there are currently four 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 the airport saw a significant decrease in fuel sales during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BAKER

Mr. Adeogun reported that the final inspection for the Runway Safety Area Project will take place on June 23, 2020+. Mr. Carroll added that road damage from the construction vehicles will be repaired in the coming weeks.

CMT

None.

COUNTY

None.

North Georgia Balloon Festival

None.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

None.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

EAA

None.

TIGERFLIGHT FOUNDATION FOUNDATION

None.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

None.

ROPA

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Robert adjourned the meeting at 5:20 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