

## AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

October 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at the Thornton Center in Rome, Georgia.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Brad Robert  
Mr. Kevin Evans  
Mr. Rip Johnston  
Dr. Rick Swiger

### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Carroll, Airport Manager  
Mr. Bruce Ivey, Public Services/Utilities Division  
Director  
Mr. Mike Reiter, CMT  
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management  
Ms. Sara Hiern  
Mr. Earl Tillman  
Mr. Glen Sage  
Mr. Alfred Carnes

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for September 21, 2021.

### Public Participation

Mr. Carnes asked how many T-Hangars are available at this time. Mr. Carroll answered there are two vacant hangars with no waiting list. He said there are three people on the waiting list for larger hangars.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll asked for a recommendation to change the Unicom frequency from 123.0 to 122.725 which has considerably less chatter. Commissioner Swiger motioned to send a recommendation to the County Commission to change the Unicom frequency from 123.0 to 122.725. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported Gates 1 and 2 have been installed with new keypads. He said Gate 10 is still waiting for power to be installed. Commissioner Swiger asked what the overall cost for the new gates was. Mr. Carroll answered he would check those numbers.

Commissioner Swiger asked if the taxiway in the extension project will have the same weight limit as the current runways and taxiways. Mr. Reiter answered that the taxiway will have the same weight limit as the current runways and taxiways.

Commissioner Swiger asked if the extension project will have additional entrances from the taxiway to the runway. Mr. Reiter answered there will be one additional entrance at the end of the runway.

Mr. Carroll reported the GCO (Ground Communication Outlet) has been repaired and will arrive in the next few days.

Mr. Carroll reported complaints regarding the ASOS as being unavailable within the 20 mile radius. NOAA increased the power to the ASOS. Mr. Carroll asked local pilots and ROPA to check the strength of the ASOS when they were up flying. No complaints have been made. Commissioner Johnston said signals from the South and the West are still weak. Next step from NOAA will be a new antenna. Commissioner Johnston asked about incorporating a recording of current NOTAM's and closures to the current readout of the ASOS. Chairman Robert asked Mr. Carroll to look into this suggestion.

Mr. Carroll reported the PAPI for runway 1 is out of service due to an issue with power getting to the system. He said the County's electrician is working on a solution to the issue.

Commissioner Johnston asked Mr. Carroll to go over the list from ROPA regarding various issues around the airport. Mr. Carroll reported many of the items on the list have already been repaired or are in the process of being repaired.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

### BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

### FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Commissioner Evans reported there are two vacant T-Hangars with no waiting list. There are three people on the waiting list for larger hangars.

Commissioner Evans reported he has been working with Mr. Carroll and Mr. Ivey on a concrete specification for a walkway at the ARC that would take people from the parking lot to the hangars. Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the County Engineering Department to build a specification for a walkway at the ARC. Commissioner Swiger seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Commissioner Johnston asked why the fuel prices are so high. Mr. Carroll answered the prices are going up everywhere; however, fuel sales are strong.

### BAKER

None.

### CMT

Mr. Reiter reported the pipe install for the runway extension is finished.

Mr. Reiter reported he is working with Mr. Carroll and Mr. Ivey on plans for the 7/25 lighting project in order to get them submitted to GDOT.

### COUNTY

None.

### JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported a team of Marines is bringing the arresting gear for the Blue Angels this week.

Mr. Cowman reported Fat Albert and the Blue Angels will arrive on Thursday.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

EAA

None.

TIGERFLIGHT FOUNDATION

None.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

No representative present.

ROPA

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Carnes asked about restroom facilities for after hours visitors. Mr. Carroll answered he and Mr. Ivey are currently working on a solution.

Commissioner Johnston congratulated Ms. Hiern on her Merit award from the Beech Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Robert adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Brad Robert, Chairman

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Date

DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Kevin Evans  
Mr. Rip Johnston  
Mr. Brad Robert  
Dr. Randy Sumner  
Mr. Rick Swiger

COUNTY COMMISSION

Ms. Erin Elrod  
Ms. Allison Watters  
Mr. Jamie McCord  
Mr. Wright Bagby  
Mr. Scotty Hancock  
Ms. Rhonda Wallace  
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