

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

September 21, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at the Thornton Center in Rome, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Carroll, Airport Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, County Manager
Mr. Scotty Hancock, County Commissioner
Mr. Bruce Ivey, Public Services/Utilities Division
Director
Mr. Chris Jackson, County Attorney's Office
Mr. Jeff Mitchell, PAWS
Mr. Mike Reiter, CMT
Mr. James Miorin, CMT
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management
Mr. Jim Hite, JLC AirShow Management
Mr. Fred Barasoain, ROPA
Mr. Earl Tillman
Ms. Sara Hiern
Mr. Alfred Carnes

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for August 17, 2021.

Public Participation

Mr. Carnes gave the commissioners a copy of FAA Policy on Use of Hangars at Obligated Airports FAQ's explaining airports that are federally funded must have aircraft in T-hangars. In the event such hangars have anything other than aircraft inside, the airport is in danger of losing federal funding. Mr. Carnes mentioned potential hangars not housing aircraft.

Mr. Carnes also asked about the number of hangars that are available vs. how many people are on the waiting list. Mr. Carroll responded there are four hangars available with five people on the waiting list. Mr. Carroll said some offers have been sent to those on the waiting list while others are waiting for larger hangars or aircraft.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported he is waiting for Georgia Power and the county electrician to install power to the security gates to complete the new security gate installation.

Mr. Carroll reported the Unicom study is ongoing. He said he will be collaborating with ROPA next week to discuss ROPA-led research into changing the Unicom frequency.

Mr. Carroll reported runway closures for the Runway Extension Project will take place September 29 through October 1, October 4 through October 8, and October 11 through October 15, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Carroll reported the grass at the Ace Aviation hangar has been cleaned up and staff has been made aware of proper cutting techniques.

Mr. Carroll reported Mr. Mick Williams sent pictures of dogs around his hangar and other hangars around the area. Mr. Mitchell (PAWS) said he will set traps and let tenants know to be vigilant.

Mr. Carroll reported the GCO (Ground Communication Outlet) is out of service. After testing the phone line with no issues arising, the unit was sent to Avtech Marketing for repair.

Mr. Carroll went over a list from ROPA addressing issues around the airport. Many of the items on the list have already been repaired or are in the process of being repaired.

Commissioner Swiger mentioned radios should be issued to any vehicle working on or near the runways and that radio calls should always be made.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None.

FACILITIES OPERATIONS

None.

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Commissioner Johnston reported fuel sales are very good.

Mr. McCord reported the 2017 SPLOST hangar design will take place in 2022.

BAKER

None.

CMT

Mr. Miorin reported the airport received 11 inches of rain in August and September thus delaying construction on the Runway Extension Project.

Mr. Miorin reported the county is looking over the plans for the Runway 7/25 Lighting Project for review.

COUNTY

None.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported the Marines will come to survey for the arresting gear in the coming days. The gear will be installed on October 21.

Mr. Cowman reported all teams are confirmed for the show.

Mr. Cowman reported there will be a pre-show from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. that will feature air drops, SWAT demo, and RV-8 formation.

Mr. Cowman thanked the prison's detail for keeping the grass cut.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

EAA

None.

TIGERFLIGHT FOUNDATION

None.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

No representative present.

ROPA

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Evans motioned to move to Executive Session. Commissioner Swiger seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Airport Commission went into Executive Session.

No business was voted on.

Commissioner Evans motioned to close Executive Session. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Airport Commission came out of Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Brad Robert, Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

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

COUNTY COMMISSION

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