

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

November 16, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Thornton Center in Rome, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kevin Evans
Mr. Rep Johnston
Dr. Randy Sumner

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Carroll, Airport Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, County Manager
Mr. Bruce Ivey, Public Services/Utilities Division
Director
Mr. Mike Reiter, CMT
Mr. James Miorin, CMT
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management
Col. Jim Hite, JLC AirShow Management
Ms. Tina Talton, JLC AirShow Management
Ms. Sara Hiern

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for October 19, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carroll asked the commission to approve the renewal of the USDA's Fish and Wildlife contract with the airport. Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the renewal contract. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported the paperwork regarding changing the Unicom frequency has been filed. The frequency change is in process.

Mr. Carroll reported Gate 10 now has power. Codes for the gate will be entered when the gate system is ready.

Mr. Carroll reported the airport sold 54,841 gallons of Jet fuel and 547 gallons of Avgas during the air show.

Mr. Carroll reported engineering is working on specs for the sidewalk to be installed at the ARC area.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Vice Chairman Sumner addressed concerns over safety at the airport after an issue arose during air show preparation when vehicles entered the runway prior to a NOTAM being issued to alert traffic of those vehicles. He asked Mr. Carroll who is in charge of safety operations at the airport. Mr. Carroll answered that he is the main person in charge; however, responsibilities do get passed along to staff when he is not present. After discussion concerning safety procedures and protocols, Vice Chairman Sumner asked Mr. Carroll, Mr. Ivey and Commissioner Swiger to form a group to conduct a review of the events that have taken place in order to propose a recommendation on how to better promote safety in the future.

FACILITIES OPERATIONS

Commissioner Evans reported 2 hangars are vacant and 4 people are on the waiting list for larger hangars.

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Commissioner Johnston gave the financial report.

Commissioner Johnston reported that fuel sales have been very good.

CMT

Mr. Miorin reported the runway extension site has been buttoned up for the winter.

Mr. Miorin reported the pre-construction meeting for the fencing project took place a couple of weeks ago.

COUNTY

None.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman thanked the county and the airport manager and staff for all of their hard work for the air show.

Mr. Cowman reported Saturday's show was sold out and Sunday's show was 80%.

Mr. Cowman thanked the prison for all of their hard work leading up to and during the air show.

Mr. Cowman reported the Blue Angels were very happy with the show and fueling procedures.

Mr. Cowman gave air show challenge coins and Blue Angel pictures to board members, county officials, and the airport manager.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

None.

EAA

Ms. Hiern reported the EAA had very good attendance, despite the fog, for their breakfast. 50 young people from ROTC and Tigerflight attended the breakfast as well.

TIGERFLIGHT FOUNDATION

None.

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

No representative present.

ROPA

None.

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Sumner adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Randy Sumner, Vice 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