

Accomack County Airport Commission
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2009

Present:

Michael Tolbert, Chairman
Carter Crabbe, Secretary-Treasurer
Nancy D. Duncan
William A. Sprague
Kenneth Tucker
Lee Johnson
Randall Powell

Absent:

Roy Custis, Vice-Chairman
David Moon

Also Present:

Barbara Haxter, Airport Manager
Lynn Sherwood, Airport Departmental Secretary
Charlotte Powell
Matt Johnson
Bill Lazenby

The Regular Meeting of the Accomack County Airport Commission was called to Order by the Chairman, Mr. Tolbert, at 7:00 PM. This meeting was held in the conference room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal, Melfa, Virginia.

The first item of business was the review of the proposed Minutes of the May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Airport Commission. Mr. Powell moved to approve the Minutes; Mr. Crabbe seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

The next Item of business was the Financial Report.

Mr. Tolbert presented the June 2009 Schedule of Bills Payable. Mr. Johnson moved to approve the Bills as distributed; Mr. Tucker seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Powell suggested that Ms. Haxter investigate the possibility of purchasing the Jet-A refueler truck rather than paying a monthly lease. Mr. Powell felt that the equipment could pay for itself within a few years if purchased.

The next item of business was the Chairman's report.

Mr. Tolbert read an article published in the Washington Post stating that the FAA could close weather offices at 20 regional air traffic control centers around the country and instead provide controllers with forecasts from two central units in Maryland and Missouri. The controversial proposal means that air traffic controllers will no longer have the immediate expertise of an on-site meteorologist to advise them where to route aircraft experiencing difficulties when weather conditions play a critical role. A brief discussion ensued.

The Chairman called for a report from Talbert & Bright, Inc. (TBI)

Ms. Haxter said she would present Talbert & Bright's report on their behalf.

Ms. Haxter said the Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) approved the grant for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) update.

Ms. Haxter asked Mr. Thacker to provide her with a timeline for the completion of the perimeter security fence should the Commission decide to move forward with the project. Mr. Thacker said TBI would revise the plans and have the project ready to advertise in early July with a bid opening at the end of July. A grant application for the project would be submitted for the August VAB meeting.

The next item of business was the Airport Manager's report.

Ms. Haxter said she was advised by the Director of Finance that it was not a good time to seek financing to proceed with the T-hangar project. Ms. Haxter said the Airport does not have enough grant matching funds available in its budget to move forward with this project without outside financing. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Tucker moved to request the Virginia Department of Aviation withdraw the grant application for the T-hangar project; Mr. Tolbert suggested a friendly amendment to the motion by adding that the Airport would re-apply for grant funding on this project next year. Mr. Tucker accepted the amendment; Mr. Sprague seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Haxter said she received quotes from Gerald Moore & Sons and Slurry Pavers to have the apron area crack sealed. Ms. Haxter said that since the T-hangar project is being delayed she would obtain quotes to also address the cracks around the T-hangar area as well. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Tolbert moved to obtain quotes for the crack seal required on the apron and T-hangar areas, and to ask the contractors to hold their prices until the July Commission meeting; Mr. Tucker seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haxter said the Airport has enough grant matching funds in its budget to complete the perimeter security fence project. Ms. Haxter said once the fence is complete the USDA's wildlife management program could be implemented to increase airfield safety. Mr. Tucker moved to complete the fencing project; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haxter said she was contacted by representatives of the Jungle Aviation and Radio Services (JAARS) who would like to hold their Missions at the Airport event on October 17th and 18th. Ms. Haxter said this event has been held at the Airport twice in the past with good public participation. JAARS offers helicopter and airplane rides, has several static displays and information on their program. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Powell moved to approve the JAARS Missions at the Airport event; Mr. Crabbe seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haxter said the quotes received for additional electrical outlets in the T-hangars all came in around \$300 per outlet. None of the tenants contacted wanted to install additional outlets at that cost. A discussion ensued. Mr. Tolbert suggested contacting the DOAV to see if a grant could be obtained to have additional outlets installed.

Ms. Haxter said there were a total of 675 aircraft operations in the month of May; 654 during business hours and 21 after hours; with 5,317.44 gallons of 100LL sold for a profit of \$3,228.09 and 590.6 gallons of Jet-A sold for a profit of \$885.90.

The Chairman called for Public Comment.

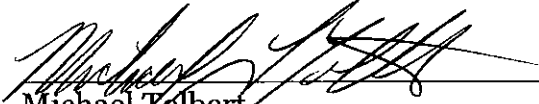
There was no public comment from those in attendance.

Other:

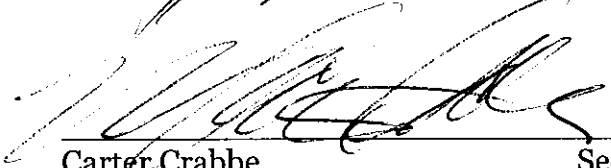
Mr. Powell said the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is now defunct and therefore unable to help organize the Young Eagles Day. Mr. Powell said he was looking into becoming the local representative. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Haxter said she received a request to purchase 100LL for non-aviation use from Mr. Johnson who has received several requests from people who are having problems with their small engines due to the ethanol in vehicle fuel. A discussion ensued.

There being no further business for discussion, Mr. Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Powell seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Michael Tolbert Chairman



Carter Crabbe Secretary-Treasurer