

Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority
April 19, 2016

The Fairhope Airport Authority met April 19, 2016 at 4:40PM in the Delchamps Suite, Room 1, in the Civic Center at 161 N Section St.

Present: Joe McEnerney, Chairman, Pam Caudill, Jack Burrell, Ray Hix and Tom Scheck. Vince Boothe and Chip Groner were unable to attend but listened to the meeting by phone conference. They did not vote on any agenda items and were not counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum. Also present was Josh Myrick, attorney. Cynthia A Boothe took the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Joe McEnerney, second by Pam Caudill and unanimously carried.

Update and approval of the development of a marketing plan/website for the Fairhope

Airport: Pam Caudill went over the proposals she received from LRD, Hummingbird and VMR. After a group discussion Pam made a motion to spend up to \$750 for Logo Arena to design a logo for the Airport. A second was made by Jack Burrell and it carried unanimously. A second motion was made by Pam Caudill to have VMR design the airport website for \$6,500 plus any applicable tax. A second was made by Joe McEnerney and it carried unanimously.

Update on the construction of the commercial hangers: Joe McEnerney stated that the Cedar Creek hangar is now under construction. He also mentioned that the north hangar is in the process of having new siding applied.

Renewal of Authority property and casualty insurance: Joe McEnerney stated that the insurance has been paid for \$23,717 which is about a 5% increase over last year and insures over \$8,900,000 of airport property.

Review of zoning of Authority property: Joe McEnerney stated that after a review of the City of Fairhope zoning map that the Airport Authority needs to apply to the planning and zoning department with the City to correct any zoning and annexation issues so that all Airport Authority property is consistently zoned and annexed into the City. A motion was made by Jack Burrell to spend up to \$6,000 to have the zoning and annexation differences corrected. Pam Caudill seconded and after a group discussion it carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Ray Hix stated that the financials are in good shape and that he and Joe McEnerney have started looking into refinancing some of the Authority debt for a lower interest rate. Joe McEnerney went over the miscellaneous expenses for March and stated that \$285,000 was paid down on the Authority debt in March.

General Aviation Alliance: After the agenda items were covered Chip Groner stated that he is participating in the newly formed General Aviation Alliance that would advocate the interests of general aviation airports in Alabama. The Alliance would also help educate state legislators concerning the issues faced by the 72 general aviation airports in Alabama. Pam Caudill made a motion to spend \$500 to join the General Aviation Alliance, second by Joe McEnerney and unanimously carried.

Aviation height requirements for Sonny Callahan Airport: Vince Boothe recommended that the Authority ask the FAA to revise the published operating height requirements guidelines for the Sonny Callahan Airport. Vince recommended a height requirement of 1,000 feet above ground level for general aviation aircraft and 1,500 feet above ground level for heavy aircraft (aircraft weighting more than 12,500 lbs.) and for turbine aircraft. He also recommended a voluntary noise abatement procedure that prohibited turns below 600 feet above ground level after take-off in the airport traffic pattern. After a group discussion Ray Hix made a motion for Vince's recommendation, second by Jack Burrell and unanimously carried.

Comment: Jack Burrell stated that he felt that there was a public perception that all the military flights at the airport were directly related to funding received for airport projects. He wanted to make it very clear that there is no correlation between military flights and the amount of funding received by the airport.

Because of a previous commitment Pam Caudill had to leave the meeting at 5:40PM.

Comment: Jack Burrell stated that the Authority should develop a master plan for future development at the airport and should work to limit the number of fuel farms allowed at the Airport. He also stated that there are grants to help fund the development of a master plan. Chip Groner, Joe McEnerney, and Vince Boothe all agreed that forming a more definite plan for the future development on the east side was absolutely necessary.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM.