Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority July 19, 2016

The Fairhope Airport Authority met July 19, 2016 at 4:30PM in the Delchamps Suite Room 1, in the Civic Center at 161 N Section Street.

Present: Joe McEnerney, Chairman, Pam Caudill, Chip Groner, Tom Scheck, and Ray Hix. Jack Burrell and Vince Boothe were absent. Also present was Josh Myrick, attorney. Cynthia A Boothe took the minutes.

The minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Chip Groner, second by Pam Caudill and unanimously passed.

Discussion of purchasing fuel storage tank liability insurance: Joe McEnerney stated that after Josh Myrick had reviewed the insurance coverage he felt that the Authority had enough coverage without getting additional insurance.

Update on the revised zoning for the Fairhope Airport: The rezoning and annexation of the airport property was brought to the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 5, 2016 where it was approved unanimously. The request will now move to the City Council for final approval.

Discussion of the process to develop a General Aviation terminal on the east side: Joe McEnerney stated that he felt that the Authority needed to start planning for a new general aviation terminal for the east side and asked for input on how the members thought we should proceed. After a group discussion the members decided to table the subject until next month so more information can be gathered.

Approval to make application for FAA and ALDOT AIP 2016 grant: Joe McEnerney stated that our FAA project manager is still working on getting the Authority more grant money for FY 2016. He believed the Authority will ultimately get \$3.1 million dollars for the east side AIP 2016 project. This will allow the Authority to complete the fill on the east side and to place 2 inches of asphalt on the new aprons and taxiways. The money will also allow the Authority to complete all the drainage on the east side and build a new Airport access road.

Update on obtaining the required wetlands disturbance approval for the east side construction project: Joe McEnerney stated that according to the City of Fairhope's 2008 wetlands ordinance that a 0.2 acre "grady" pond that will be loss (filled-in) by construction on east side and must be mitigated. The City's wetlands ordinance requires that this "non-jurisdictional" wetland be mitigated before it can be filled. Accordingly, he asked for a motion to spend up to \$20,000 to complete a wetland study and to buy wetlands mitigation credits. A motion was made by Chip Groner, second by Pam Caudill and after a group discussion was unanimously passed.

Update of BCEDA marketing of the Airport property: Lee Lawson of BCEDA gave a presentation of the marketing efforts of the BCEDA of the Airport commercial property. His presentation focused on BCDEA efforts to present information about the Fairhope Airport and Baldwin County in general at various Aerospace shows and venues in the United States and overseas.

Treasurer's report: Ray Hix stated that the financials are in good order and that he and Joe McEnerney are still soliciting proposals from different financial institutions for the refinancing of the Airport debt.

Other Business: Chip Groner stated that he had sent the FAA the Fairhope Airport's new noise abatement procedures and altitude requirements and they were accepted.

Public Comments: Bill Stromberg of Continental Motors stated that they were interested in hosting the AOPA meeting in the spring of 2018 at the Fairhope Airport. They want to hold it at the same time as the Arts & Crafts Festival and wants to work with Pam Caudill on the proposal which will need to be submitted by June of 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:29PM.