

## **Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority September 20, 2016**

The Fairhope Airport Authority met September 20, 2016 at 4:30PM in the Delchamps Suite Room 1, in the Civic Center at 161 N Section Street.

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

The minutes of the September 7, 2016 Special Meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Pam Caudill, second by Jack Burrell and unanimously passed.

**Update on the Airport Authority's website and marketing brochure:** Pam Caudill stated that the marketing brochure was ready in time for Joe McEnerney and Jack Burrell to take and distribute at the conference in San Antonio. She also stated that after she gives final approval that the Airport's website should hopefully go live by the end of the week.

**Report of the Authority's Selection Committee to nominate an officer slate for 2016-2017:** Tom Scheck stated that Chip Groner had communicated with all the Airport Authority officers and they all agreed to serve another term. The slate will be voted on at the meeting on October 18, 2016.

**Availability of 36 acres of land north of the Airport for purchase:** Joe McEnerney stated that he was approached by the owner/realtor about 36 acres of land just north of the airport that was for sale to see if the Airport Authority was interested in purchasing it. After a group discussion it was decided that the Authority is not interested in the purchase at this time.

**Report on the Lancair Owners and Builders Organization (LOBO) and Continental Motors Services nationwide fly-in:** Bill Stromberg stated that Lancair produces high performance aircraft and will focus their meetings on maintenance and safety and there are other events and activities planned as well. There should be about 50 planes and 100 people attending.

**Review and approval of the Request for Proposals to refinance the Airport Authority's \$7,445,629.00 existing debt:** Joe McEnerney stated the history of the Airport Authority's debt and then said the goal of the refinancing is to reduce the principal payments and lower the interest rate. The proposals would go out to nine banks with a return date of 10/28/16 by 1:00PM. After a group discussion a motion was made by Pam Caudill, second by Tom Scheck and unanimously carried.

**Discussion on the development of the west side of the Airport:** Joe McEnerney and Pam Caudill stated that over the last seven years the Airport Authority has had the land around the airport designated as an advantage site, helped build The Academy, developed a master plan, started a website and a marketing plan, created a wetlands mitigation bank, have 2 ground leases with hangars under construction, refurbished the north hangar and built a safety hanger. Victor Teumer of Hy-Grade stated that he was interested in developing a road on the west side using an existing easement and extending it through the back of the property that Hy-Grade Valve owns and Joe McEnerney said that he would contact Mr Teumer about further details.

**Treasurer's report:** In Ray Hix's absence Joe McEnerney stated that the finances are in good shape and the Authority has the funds to pay the matching portion for the 2016 AIP grant.

**Other Business:** Jack Burrell gave a brief summary of the NASAO convention that he and Joe McEnerney attended in San Antonio, Texas. They attended workshops and worked the trade show to help spread the word about Fairhope and the airport as the next NASAO convention will be held in Fairhope next year.

A local resident expressed concern about continuing problems with noise from low flying aircraft.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM.