

Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority
August 20, 2019

The Fairhope Airport Authority met August 20, 2019 at 4:00PM in the Council Chambers at 161 N Section Street.

Present: Joe McEnerney, Chairman, Don Lagarde, Vince Boothe, Chip Groner, Amy Pearson, Will Bruce, and Jack Burrell. Also present was Josh Myrick, Attorney. Cynthia A Boothe took the minutes.

The minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Will Bruce, second by Chip Groner and unanimously passed.

Fairhope Airport Authority Operations: Chip Groner reported that there one runway light is out, and six directional signs are out, and we are waiting on parts to repair them.

Update on the Authority's Insurance: Joe McEnerney went over with the Board the cost of flood insurance for the North and South Hangars and after a group discussion it was decided to take no action at this time. He will get quotes from John A. Robertson Insurance Company for the cost of flood insurance on the T-Hangars and report back at the next meeting.

Update of power washing/painting of the northern most T-Hangar: Joe McEnerney reported that North most T-hangar has been power washed and primed and the painting of the hangar has started.

Appointment of a committee to nominate 2019-2020 Authority Officer Slate: Joe McEnerney stated that it was time to appoint a committee for the Authority to nominate the Authority's Officer for next year. Vince Boothe, Chip Groner and Will Bruce volunteered to be on the committee. The committee will report back to the Board in the September meeting with their suggested nominations.

Discussion of Flight Training at the Airport: This item has been tabled at this time.

Discussion of the Flight Feeder system: Chip Groner reported that he had looked at a couple of systems that would help monitor aircraft operations at the Airport. He feels that the system would be able to give the Authority and Continental Aerospace valuable information in respect to aircraft traffic into and out of the Airport. After a group discussion, Chip suggested that a demonstration could be arranged at Jack Edward Airport (in Gulf Shores) for anyone on the Authority who would like to see how the system works to help with the decision making.

Discussion of the development of the West Side commercial park: Don Lagarde introduced David Milstead of Bellator Real Estate to give a report of what might be the best use of the property on the West Side. David spoke to the group about different ideas to market the West Side property and asked for input from the group about how they would like to see the land developed. After a group discussion, David said he would put together the information he gathered from the Authority members and report back.

Possible future events at the Fairhope Airport Festival of Flight: Joe McEnerney reported that he has talked to the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce about being a co-sponsor of the Festival of Flight in May 2020. He also reported that Pam Caudill was working to have Fairhope again as the terminus for the Air Race Classic.

Continental Aerospace Technologies report: David Shear

David introduced Matt Owens who is the new Director of MRO Operations for Continental Services.

Update on the repair of weather stripping and rollers on T-hangars: The weather stripping is completed.

Additional landscaping at the entrance along the North Hangar: No report at this time.

Replacement of sky light in South hangar: Work is completed.

Update on the disposal of abandoned aircraft at the Airport: David has been in contact with three of the four owners. One is removing his aircraft, two are still

paying customers. One is truly abandoned, and he has been unable to contact the owner.

“Ninety Nines” sponsored Poker Run is scheduled for September 28: They are expecting between nine and fifteen aircraft to participate.

Attorney’s Report: Josh Myrick

Update on IRS audit of Airport Improvement Bonds, Series 2007: There have been no follow-up requests for information.

Update on negotiations with tenants for ground leases for the East side: Josh has the lease for Kell Jones with Executive Aviation ready to sign for P-10. He is still in negotiations with Duncan Gillis for P-12. Josh will email a copy of the lease to the Authority members in case there are any questions before approval.

Update on negotiations with the tenant for the West Side ground lease: Josh stated that they are almost through with the negotiations for the lease with Mr Goldberg.

Revised Ethics Commissions opinion affecting Airport Authorities in the state: Josh stated that the Authority members are subject to the Ethics Act and may be required to file a statement of Economic Interest if they are compensated more than \$75,000.00 of public funds, and are subject to rules for marketing activities.

Review of Continental Aerospace Technologies’ and tenants environmental liability insurance: No report at this time.

Engineer’s Report:

2018 AIP update-Final inspection “punch list”: Joe McEnerney reported that there are still a few things left to do but everything should be completed by next week.

2019 AIP update: Joe reported that that the grant paperwork is completed, and they should be able to start construction around October 1st.

Update on \$250,000.00 Aeronautics Bureau grant for general aviation terminal:

Joe stated that he felt the Authority would receive The Aeronautics Bureau (ALDOT) grant but would not be certain until about early October.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Pearson reported that the financials are in good order and went over the monthly expenses. She also submitted a proposed budget for 2019-2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM with a motion by Vince Boothe, second by Jack Burrell and unanimously passed.

Joe McEnerney, Chairman

Submitted by Cynthia A Boothe