

Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority
February 18, 2020

The Fairhope Airport Authority met February 18, 2020 at 3:30PM in the Council Chambers at 161 N Section Street.

Present: Joe McEnerney, Chairman, Vince Boothe, Chip Groner, Will Bruce and Jack Burrell. Amy Pearson joined the meeting at 4:07 PM. Don Lagarde was absent. Also present was Josh Myrick, Attorney. Cynthia A Boothe took the minutes.

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Will Bruce, second by Vince Boothe and unanimously passed.

Fairhope Airport Authority Operations: Chip Groner reported that one NOTAM was issued, and that four to six taxiway lights are out and are being replaced.

Update of the Flight Feeder system: Chip Groner reported that the new system is up and running and he and David Shear are looking through all the reports offered by the system.

Discussion of the upcoming CJAA Convention and Presidential Fly-in March 4th-8th. Joe McEnerney stated that there should be about 20 to 25 jets attending the event.

Overview of the Aviation programs at the Academy: Joe McEnerney introduced Mark Sloan, Director of the Aviation Programs for Coastal Alabama Community College and Mandy Bezeredi, Fairhope Campus Director for Coastal Alabama Community College to speak to the Authority members about the Aviation Academy. Mark stated that at this time there is a shortage of technicians and pilots in the aviation industry. The Aviation Academy has 50 students currently enrolled in the Baldwin County facility and a waiting list of students who want to enroll. He also stated that he would like to see a flight school associated with The Academy. Joe McEnerney stated that he would like to see a second building at the Academy to accommodate more students. A group discussion followed with Authority members suggesting ideas of how to make our existing facilities accommodate more students.

Approval of maintenance/repairs at the Airport:

Replacement of skylights in the South hangar-Joe McEnerney stated that the South hangar has four skylights that need to be replaced for a cost of around \$6,000.

Repairs to the standby generator-Joe McEnerney stated that the generator needs repairs at a cost of about \$400.00.

Striping of the connector to the East Side-Joe McEnerney stated that the connector to the East side needs to be painted for a cost of about \$1,000.00.

After a group discussion on each item, a motion was made by Jack Burrell to authorize Joe McEnerney to act on behalf of the Authority to negotiate the pricing and repairs to each of the above stated items, second by Vince Boothe and unanimously passed.

Discussion of the development of the 62 acres on the east side south of the new hangar plats: No Report

Update on the development of new hangar plats on the southwest side of the Airport: Joe McEnerney stated that Hank Eubanks of Volkert is developing a new plan for the hangar plats on the southwest side as there are some wetland areas that need to be avoided. There was also a group discussion about the Authority building T-hangars to lease out. Joe stated that Hank should have the new hangar plan by the end of the week and further discussions can be held after that.

Attorney's Report: Josh Myrick

Update on the IRS audit for the Airport Improvement Bonds, Series 2007-Josh stated that he has received word that this has been resolved in favor of the Airport Authority and the audit is closed.

Update on the recovery for the south side fence repair-Josh stated that he had talked to the defendant's insurance company and should have a result from that discussion by the March meeting.

Update on negotiations with tenants for ground leases for the East side-
Plat 11

Plat 13 and Plat 14

Josh had no report, but Vince Boothe stated that he and Chip Groner would talk to all involved parties to see where we stand with all the applicants.

Continental Aerospace Technologies report: Nick VanHouten

Additional landscaping at the entrance along the North Hangar-Fence has been approved.

Update on the disposal of abandoned aircraft at the Airport-The Academy did not want the abandoned aircraft and it will be scrapped.

Audit of aircraft owner's liability insurance for Fairhope based aircraft-Nick said there are still three base customers who have not provided proof of insurance and he is following up on those.

Opening of the east side for use of the apron area-After a group discussion it was decided that Joe McEnerney and Josh Myrick would talk to Continental about a recommendation to charge rent for parking aircraft overnight.

Engineer's Report:

Update of FAA's approval of 2020 AIP projects-Joe McEnerney stated that he had received a letter from the FAA stating that the Authority could move forward with plans for the 2020 AIP project which includes an update of the Airport Layout Plan, Rehabilitation of the South Apron, and Extending the Access Road. Joe also stated that he needs the Authority's authorization to sign Supplemental Agreement 3 and Supplemental 4 for engineering services by Volkert to design the project. A motion was made by Jack Burrell to authorize Joe McEnerney as Chairman to sign the Supplemental Agreements subject to Josh Myrick's approval, second by Vince Boothe and unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Pearson reported that the financials are in good order and went over the maintenance items for January 2020.

Joe McEnerney stated that the FAA required “single audit” of the 2018 AIP grant is almost completed.

Other Business: Will Bruce stated that he and Abe Harper are working to update the Authority’s website and asked the Authority members to let him know if they know of anything that needs updating.

Vince Boothe introduced Larry Anderson and recommended him for the Advisory Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40PM.

Joe McEnerney, Chairman

Submitted by Cynthia A Boothe