

**Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority  
May 6, 2021**

The Fairhope Airport Authority met May 6, 2021, at 5:00PM in the Council Chambers at 161 N Section Street.

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

The Minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Vince Boothe, second by Amy Pearson and unanimously passed.

**Vote to submit preapplication for \$600,300.00 of ALDOT grant money for a new FBO on the East Side:** Hank Eubanks of Volkert Engineering addressed the Authority members and explained the terms of the grant. This was followed by a group discussion about what was needed to proceed with the application.

**Vote to engage Volkert Engineering to design the new FBO:** Hank Eubanks went over what was involved in designing the FBO followed by a question-and-answer session. A motion was made by Vince Boothe based on the Authority's intent to accept the ALDOT grant for \$600,300.00 to engage Volkert Engineering for the design services and bid procurement for the new FBO Building and to authorize the Chairman to execute all contract documentation necessary up to \$124,000.00. A second was made by Amy Pearson and it unanimously passed.

**Vote to accept Lee Shelton's resignation:** Don Lagarde stated that he received a letter from Lee Shelton stating he would be resigning from the Authority for personal reasons. A motion was made by Vince Boothe to accept the resignation, second by Will Bruce and unanimously passed.

**Report on building 20 T-Hangars:** Vince Boothe reported on the progress being made on the project and Hank Eubanks stated that they are working on the design and layout. Don Lagarde stated that he has twenty-one deposits for hangar spaces and continues to receive calls from others interested in renting space.

**Discussion and possible vote on a 2% Airport surcharge on all goods and services performed or sold at the Airport:** Josh Myrick stated that he has been working on a draft for a resolution and is finalizing the details. After a group discussion it was decided to table this item until next month so that Josh can have a final resolution ready for approval.

**Continental Aerospace Technologies' report:** Nick VanHouten stated that things are going well and that Airport activity has picked up quite a bit in the last month. He also stated that he is receiving more requests to accommodate planes that are over the width and weight normally allowed at the Airport. He is keeping records of these requests to help build a case for widening and strengthening the runway to accommodate the larger aircraft.

**Discussion and possible vote on allowing some or all Authority members to live outside the Fairhope Overlay:** Vince Boothe stated that after a conversation with Jack Burrell that the number of Authority members living in the City limits should be changed to four and that the other three Authority members can live in the Baldwin County School System feeder district in order to have a larger area from which to draw talent for the Authority. After a group discussion Vince made a motion subject to the approval by the Fairhope City Council, to change the number of the Authority Members living in the City limits from five to four and the number of Authority members living in the Baldwin County School District feeder district from two to three, second by Amy Pearson and unanimously passed.

**Discussion and possible vote on Fairhope Hangar Partners offer to pay for A-Long Boring's invoice for \$50,000.00:** Don Lagarde stated that the Fairhope Hangar Partners has offered to pay the invoice from A-Long Boring for the work that was done for the water and sewer infrastructure in the amount of \$50,000.00 and asked for a motion. Being none, the item died for lack of a motion.

**Report on Hurricane Sally claims:** Joe McEnerney presented a report on the final figures for all the repairs done after Hurricane Sally which included cost of repairs,

insurance reimbursement and out of pocket costs to the Authority which was followed by a question-and-answer period.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy Pearson reported that the financials are in good order.

**Jason Wilson's report:** Jason Wilson gave a report on all of his activities for the month as a consultant for the Airport Authority and also included his talks with the school authorities about possibly having AMT certification included in the classes offered at the Academy.

**Attorney's report:** Josh Myrick reported that he had received a signed letter from the Ethics Commission in Montgomery with approval for Vince Boothe to sign a lease agreement with the Authority so that Mr Boothe can proceed with his lease to build a hangar on the East Side.

Josh also stated that the tenants for Lots P-10A (Terry Chapman) & P-10B (Zach McNeill') would like to have the wording "ad valorem taxes" removed from their leases and also removal of "insurance for non-owned and hired automobiles." After a group discussion a motion was made by Amy Pearson to remove ad valorem taxes from the leases, second by Will Bruce. Don Lagarde, Amy Pearson, and Will Bruce voted "Aye." Vince Boothe abstained from voting. No action was taken on the insurance request.

**Other Business:** Don Lagarde mentioned that A-Long Boring needs to re-route part of the boring they did to avoid crossing under a parking lot and wants to charge \$2,000.00 to do the job. After a group discussion it was decided that the plans given A-Long Boring would be reviewed to see if the proper elevations were furnished before taking action.

There being no further business a motion was made by Vince Boothe to adjourn, second by Amy Pearson and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

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Don Lagarde, Chairman

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Submitted by Cynthia A Boothe

