

**Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority**  
**January 11,2022**

The Fairhope Airport Authority met January 11, 2022 at 5:00PM in the City Council Chambers at 161 N Section Street.

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

The Minutes of the December 14, 2021 regular meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Will Bruce, second by Chip Groner and unanimously passed.

**Report on fencing:** Pel Henry stated that the sliding gate for the East Side has parts on order for the motor but should have them for installation in the next two weeks. He also stated that to help strengthen the security on the West Side he had spoken with the Chief at the fire house, and they feel it might help with the security of the fuel tanks to move the gate on the West Side closer to the North Hangar.

**Fairhope Airport Operations:** Chip Groner reported that 2 taxiway lights and 1 or 2 runway lights are out but will be fixed tomorrow. Also, the striping on the runway needs cleaning chemically rather than power washing to help preserve the paint until it can be restriped.

**Redcel Flight School Request:** David Meredith, President of Redcel Aviation, stated that he had received a letter from Continental Aerospace stating that they are asking the tenants to vacate their spaces by the end of January, 2022. He is asking that he be allowed to have a tie-down lease for an RV so that they can continue their aviation classes there temporarily until the lease issues have been resolved. After a group discussion, Jack Burrell made a motion that Don Lagarde work with Josh Myrick, Attorney for the Airport, to craft and execute a lease for Redcel Aviation to rent spaces for an RV to conduct classes and to tie-down his aircraft on the East Side of the Airport. The cost would be \$150.00 a month for the RV and \$75.00 a month for each aircraft. There was a second by Will Bruce and it unanimously passed.

**Continental Aerospace Report:** A Continental representative declined to present a report.

**Engineer's Report:** Hank Eubanks reported that they will be having a pre-bid meeting for the FBO project on January 20, 2022, bid opening on February 3, 2022 and the chosen contractor will be presented at the meeting on February 8, 2022. He also stated that the Cares Act Grant has come in for \$59,000.00.

**Property valuations report from Coley Boone:** Don Lagarde introduced Coley Boone of Thames Batre' Insurance and Ms Boone went over the qualifications and history of Thames Batre'. She then went over each building insured by the Authority located at the Airport and the approximate replacement cost for each. This was followed by a question-and-answer period.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Report.

**Legal Report:** Josh Myrick stated that he had been in touch with the attorney for Bruce Wagner of RDI Development about meeting to discuss running utilities to the two hangar sites he is interested in leasing.

**Discuss Property & Casualty agent representation:** This topic will be discussed at the Executive Session and any action taken will be discussed when the Authority returns from Executive Session.

**Comments from the Public:** Tom Hutchings, Norm McAllister, Len Strickland, Travis Daggett and Lisa Freeman all spoke to the Authority members expressing their concerns about the letter from Continental asking them to vacate by the end of the month.

**Executive Session:** Executive Session under Section 36-25A-7(3), Code of Alabama to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Also, to discuss a topic involving the good name and character of an individual. A motion was made by Vince Boothe to go into Executive Session for the reasons stated above, second by Chip Groner. A roll call vote was taken and Don Lagarde, Vince Boothe, Chip Groner, Will Bruce, Pel Henry and Jack Burrell all voted 'Aye'. Josh Myrick as Attorney for the Airport Authority certifies that the Executive Session falls within

the purposes described in 36—25A-7(3), Ala. Code 1975, and that ‘pending litigation’ and ‘a topic involving the good name and character of an individual’ exception is applicable to the planned discussion. The Authority members moved to Executive Session at 6:10PM for approximately 45 minutes.

**Return from Executive Session:** The Authority members returned from Executive Session at 7:05PM and reconvened the meeting with a motion by Jack Burrell, second by Vince Boothe and unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Pel Henry to accept Coley Boone of Thames Batre’ as the Authority’s Property and Casualty Insurance agent of record, second by Chip Groner and unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Vince Boothe to terminate the Authority’s lease with Continental Aerospace on January 19, 2022 at 5:00PM unless they rescind their letter canceling all the tenant leases at the Airport, second by Jack Burrell. Josh Myrick commented that this presents a very serious safety issue to evict the tenants of the hangars and potentially have aircraft scattered over the Airport. After Josh’s comment a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Burrell commented that if Continental does not rescind the letter and the Authority takes over control of the Airport that none of the tenants would have to vacate the hangars.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jack Burrell to adjourn, second by Chip Groner and unanimously passed at 7:13PM.

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Don Lagarde, Chairman

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Submitted by Cynthia A Boothe

