

Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority
February 8, 2022

The Fairhope Airport Authority met February 8, 2022 at 5:00PM in the City Council Chambers at 161 N Section Street.

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

The Minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Pel Henry, second by Jack Burrell and unanimously passed.

The Minutes of the January 19, 2022 Special Meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Amy Pearson, second by Will Bruce and unanimously passed.

Engineer's Report: Jordan Stringfellow went over different funding options for the FBO and stated that she will need a decision from the Authority soon about whether the Authority wants to move forward with building the FBO. Chip Groner stated that the Authority would probably have an answer by the next meeting. Jordan stated that the last COVID grant for \$59,000.00 is in and they are ready to upload invoices for expenses to apply to the grant.

Fairhope Airport Operations: Chip Groner stated that 3 lights were out, but they have purchased a quantity of bulbs to have on hand for change outs. The AWOS wind direction is out and there needs to be an elevation and true north survey done to adjust it. Pel Henry made a motion to have the survey done with a not to exceed amount of \$1,000.00, second by Jack Burrell and unanimously passed.

Continental Aerospace Report: Nick VanHouten reported that the Airport has been very busy. He noted that fuel prices have gone up but that the fuel sales have gone up also. He stated that there will be a vintage jet event March 4th through 6th and a tri-motor event March 10th through 13th.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Pearson stated that she is using a new format for the Treasurer's report and then went over the income and expenses.

Legal Report: Josh Myrick stated that he has drafted the short-term lease for Redcel Aviation and has sent it to them for review.

Other Business: Russ Kilgore stated that with the efforts of the Aviation Council that the Alabama Senate passed Senate Bill 83 for the Alabama Airport Economic Infrastructure program. The bill (Alabama House Bill 207) will now have to be passed by the House to go into effect. This funding should help the General and Commercial Aviation Airports with funding for their projects. He encouraged the Authority members to contact State Representatives for support of this bill.

Comments from the public: No report.

Executive Session under section 36-25A-7(3), Code of Alabama to discuss pending or imminent litigation: Josh Myrick stated that the Authority would be going into Executive Session under 36-25A-7(3), Code of Alabama to discuss pending or imminent litigation and that he certifies that the pending litigation section is applicable to this Executive Session. Jack Burrell made a motion to move to Executive Session, second by Pel Henry. There was a roll call vote and Chip Groner, Pel Henry, Will Bruce, Amy Pearson, and Jack Burrell all voted 'Aye'. The Authority members moved into Executive Session at 5:35PM for approximately 30 minutes.

Return from Executive Session: The Authority Members returned from Executive Session and reconvened at 6:09PM. Jack Burrell stated that in the near future he would like the Authority to have a discussion about self-serve fuel pumps.

Adjournment: Jack Burrell made a motion to adjourn, second by Pel Henry and unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:12PM.

Chip Groner, Vice Chairman

Submitted by: Cynthia A Boothe