

Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority
March 8, 2022

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

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

The Minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Jack Burrell, second by Pel Henry and unanimously passed.

The Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Special Meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Vince Boothe, second by Will Bruce and unanimously passed.

Fairhope Airport Operations: Chip Groner stated that he is not sure if the AWOS is repaired and is waiting to hear from the repairman. Several taxiway lights and one PAPI light are out and are being repaired. Chip and Pam Caudill have been making updates to the Security Plan and Chip will send proposed changes to everyone. Pel Henry reported that the motor for the sliding gate has arrived, and the electrician is working to get it installed. Don Lagarde stated that another sliding gate will be moved to the northwest corner of the North Hangar to better protect the fuel tanks.

Continental Aerospace Report: No Report.

Presentation from Gulf States Realtors: Mike Saucier, President of Gulf States Realtors gave a presentation about his company and gave the Authority members a draft proposal for their review. This was followed by a question-and-answer period.

Engineer's Report: Hank Eubanks gave a presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan and went over projects coming up and grant funds that may be available to help fund the different projects. After a group discussion a motion was made by Will Bruce to authorize Volkert Engineering to submit the Capital

Improvement Plan to the FAA before the March 15, 2022 deadline, second by Chip Groner and unanimously passed. A motion was made by Pel Henry to apply for a terminal grant due by March 28, 2022, and to authorize the Chairman, Don Lagarde, to sign it, second by Vince Boothe and unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Pearson went over the income and expenses for January 2022 and stated that everything was on track for the budget year.

Legal Report: Josh Myrick stated that the Redcel lease has been signed and will be temporary and month to month.

Report on Self-Serve Fuel: Chip Groner stated that there are about four locations where self-serve fuel might be located and the expense would probably be around \$200,000.00. Vince Boothe stated that the cost of personnel and record keeping for the self-serve fuel would also need to be considered.

Selection of Insurance Options: Don Lagarde detailed the premium options available for the insurance coverage at the Airport. After a group discussion and premium option selections totaling \$120,102.00 a motion was made by Pel Henry to accept the insurance options selected, second by Chip Groner and unanimously passed.

Other Business: Jack Burrell stated that he thought that the Authority might be able to sell the property on the West Side of the Airport for more money if there was a paved road and utilities there. He asked the Authority members for input and Hank Eubanks of Volkert Engineering if some of the entitlement money that the Airport receives each year could be used to make improvements on that property. Hank Eubanks stated that he thought that entitlement money could only be used on projects directly involved with aviation but will check to be sure.

Comments from the Public: Russ Kilgore stated that the Alabama Airport Economic Infrastructure Bill that was passed by the Senate (Alabama Senate Bill 83) for \$25,000,000.00 will come up for vote by the House (Alabama House Bill 207) tomorrow. If passed, it will help General and Commercial Aviation Airports with funding for their projects.

Don Lagarde stated that the Hazard Mitigation Grant for 2.8 Million is coming up and will fund a facility for Emergency Services during weather or other disasters on a Local, State, and/or Federal level. If the Authority is awarded that grant the Authority's matching funds would be \$694,000.00.

Vince Boothe asked Erik Cortinas, Building Official for the City of Fairhope, how the Wetland Mitigation Ordinance works as the Airport has property available for Wetland Mitigation. Erik stated that the City no longer enforces the Wetland Ordinance in the County, only the City Limits. If Mitigation credits are needed in the City Limits the Ordinance wants the Mitigation done in kind or on site and if that is not possible they try to keep the Mitigation done in the same watershed where the wetlands are being impacted.

Erik stated that the addressing is being done for the streets on the East Side and that the postmaster has stated that the mail being delivered there will have to be done with a CBU (central box unit). The Authority will need to consider where they want the CBU located so that the mail person will be able to deliver the mail without going through a gate to get to the CBU.

Executive Session: Josh Myrick stated that the Authority would be going into Executive Session under section 36-25A-7(3), Code of Alabama to discuss pending or imminent litigation and to discuss the good name and character of an individual. He certified that the pending litigation section is applicable to this Executive Session. A motion was made by Jack Burrell to enter into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes, second by Vince Boothe. There was a roll call vote and Don Lagarde, Vince Boothe, Will Bruce, Pel Henry, Jack Burrell, Chip Groner and Amy Pearson all voted "Aye." The Authority members moved into Executive Session at 6:48PM.

Return from Executive Session: The Authority members returned from Executive Session at 7:36PM. A motion was made by Jack Burrell to reconvene the meeting, second by Pel Henry and unanimously passed.

Jack Burrell made a motion to hire Jason Wilson to complete the application for the Hazard Safe Room by the grant deadline for up to \$1,500.00, second by Vince Boothe and unanimously passed.

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Vince Boothe to adjourn the meeting, second by Pel Henry and unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.

Don Lagarde, Chairman

Submitted by: Cynthia A Boothe