

**Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority**  
**April 12, 2022**

The Fairhope Airport Authority met April 12, 2022 at 5:00PM in the City Hall Council Chambers at 161 N Section Street

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

The Minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Will Bruce, second by Chip Groner and unanimously passed.

**Fairhope Airport Operations:** Chip Groner reported that the REIL lights and one PAPI light is out and they are being repaired. He also stated that some of the runway markings are to be power washed. Pel Henry stated that the Authority might want to consider getting ant bait to put out around the lights as the ants can cause some of the lights to go out. He will see about pricing for the bait and bring it back to the Authority for consideration. Chip stated that Pam Caudill is making the changes to the Security Plan which is mostly name and number changes.

**Update on Security Fencing:** Pel Henry reported that the work is done for the sliding gate motor and the electrician is waiting for permit approval for the inspection to have EMC energize it. Pel also stated that the cost for a new sliding gate at the Northwest corner of the North Hangar would be \$12,500.00. This gate would be protection for the fuel farm that is located just south of the new gate location. Chip Groner made a motion to spend up to \$12,500.00 for the new sliding gate, second by Pel Henry and unanimously passed.

**Continental Aerospace Report:** Nick VanHouten reported that the Tri-Motor event went well, and they want to return next year. They gave fundraiser and media rides for the event. The jet event from the week before went well also. He stated that there would be fire training next month with the fire department and invited Authority member to the cook-out they are having for it. He also stated that the Airport has been very busy and that they pumped almost 40,000 gallons of fuel in March.

**Engineer's Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy Pearson went over the financials for February 2022, including Revenue and Expenses and stated that everything is on track with the budget.

**Other Business:** Don Lagarde reported that the paperwork for the Hazard Mitigation Grant has been submitted. This grant is for 2.8 Million Dollars and would fund a facility for Emergency Services during weather or other disasters on a Local, State and/or Federal level. Don then stated that a 90% funded FAA Grant for a terminal building has also been submitted and could also include a 5% funding match from the State and 5% from the Authority. The grant would be for 2.5 Million Dollars.

**Comments from the Public:** No report.

**Executive Session:** Brad Hicks stated that he recommends that the Authority adjourn the meeting and move to 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 stated that he is an attorney licensed to practice law by the State of Alabama and the code section applies to the planned discussion. He also stated that no action would be taken after the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Amy Pearson to adjourn the meeting and move to Executive Session, second by Pel Henry and unanimously passed. Don Lagarde announced that the meeting would not reconvene. The Authority adjourned the meeting and moved to Executive Session at 5:35PM.

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Don Lagarde, Chairman

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Submitted by: Cynthia A Boothe