

TRIANGLE NORTH EXECUTIVE AIRPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Minutes

The Triangle North Executive Airport Advisory Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman John Allers on September 10, 2019, in the conference room of the Triangle North Executive Airport.

In attendance were Council Members: John Allers, Shelley Dickerson, David Bunn, Herman Dickens, Frank Donahue and Steve Trubilla. Also, in attendance were Bo Carson (Interim Airport Manager), Angela Harris (County Manager), Pete Tomlinson (Davis, Sturges & Tomlinson) and Jim Farthing (Michael Baker Engineering). Absent from the meeting: Council Member Phillip Stover

Chairman Allers welcomed Steve Trubilla back to the Council. He served previously from 2008 to 2011.

The second agenda item was review and approval of minutes from the August 13, 2019 meeting. Council Member Dickerson motioned that the minutes be approved as read, with Council Member Bunn seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

The third item on the agenda was public comments. Chairman Allers called for comments from the public. There were no public comments at this time.

The fourth item on the agenda was Airport update given by Bo Carson.

Airport Council:

1. I would like to welcome on behalf of Triangle North Executive Airport and Franklin County, Steve Trubilla to the Airport Council. We appreciate your willingness to serve and help advance our Airport forward.

Operations:

1. Fuel cost has lowered over the last time we met. Currently, 100LL is \$4.69/gallon & Jet A/gallon.
2. The sewer project to the Airport grant is currently moving forward this week. Connections are currently being made to the buildings that currently do not have sewer capacity. The project should be complete in the next 2 weeks.

3. The Airport tug has been upgraded with new batteries.

Real Estate:

1. No new activity on real estate. Currently, everything is at capacity.

Marketing:

1. TNEA will be hosting an event at the airfield called AirFest. I have teamed up with CAP, Total Flight Solutions and Triangle Skydiving Center, as well as other tenants on the airfield. This event should really provide an opportunity to market the airport, as well as drive traffic to our tenants. The event is planned for September 28, 2019. (9am – 6pm) – SEE FLYER

Planned activities:

- a. Discounted helicopter rides and rotor operation rides from Total Flight Solutions.
- b. Discount tandem prices for Skydiving for event attendees.
- c. Skydiving will be doing pro-rated jumping twice during the day with flags/smoke for the crowd.
- d. On large apron, feature several of our aircraft to include CAP (glider and aircraft), CaptiveAire's CJ4 (if available), helicopter, Stinson and others.
- e. County and Town First Responder Vehicle showcase (tentative) in the morning.
- f. Two food trucks will be on site (Lawrence & Perry BBQ all day and Lumpy's 1:30-4:30).
- g. Music in the afternoon.
- h. Maria Parham Franklin will be on site for health screen checks for the public.

CAP:

1. Working on solutions to house CAP's latest technology for their aircraft. This plane will be enhanced with a new FLIR thermal imaging system.

Grant Update:

- a. Master Layout Plan (MLP): MLP Draft #1 has been completed by Marr Arnold Planning. As a reminder, the next MLP committee meeting for those that are part of the committee is scheduled for the Fall 2019. Jim Farthing said we will send it to DOA and FAA for review and concurrence with the forecasting that's been done. Mr. Carson said as stated at the last meeting, the FAA says we have to have justification for the 1,000-foot extension. In the past 3 to 4 years the FAA has been more stringent in allowing those types of things in terms of extensions of runways because of maintenance costs, etc. We have to make

sure it's justified, so that if we ever need rehabilitation and funding to maintain it, that the federal government will also provide funds towards it.

- b. LED Lighting: Design and field study has been completed. Bidding for the project has opened with bids being due September 17 at 11 am. Will review bids (open to the public) and expectation is that installation should begin in November. Jim Farthing said the problem we are having – and this is across the state – the DOT is having some financial issues, which has filtered down to the DOA. They actually wanted us to push this project back to the spring of next year. They aren't cancelling it, but I think we pretty much convinced them that by the time we get the bids in, get the grant in place, and the contractor has 60 days upfront to order materials, so it's probably going to be in that timeframe anyway. He said he thinks they are willing to let us move forward and not delay it much further. We're taking bids the week after next.
- c. Set a meeting with all partners to discuss next round of STI/SPOT funding for CAMPO. This will include discussions on relocating and building new infrastructure on the airfield. More to come hopefully in the future.

Council Member Trubilla said based on a previous event at the airport, is there is any consideration for overflow parking and moving people during the AirFest. Mr. Carson said he is meeting with Chris Bailey with the Civil Air Patrol next Monday to talk about what happens and he's counted the parking spaces, which is about 150. Spread out throughout the day, he said he was pretty confident we won't have more than 150 cars, but if we do, we will have a contingency plan. Council Member Bunn asked if we might could use the parking lot over at the tobacco warehouse. Mr. Carson said he would speak with Mr. Shearin to see if that could be a possibility.

The fifth item on the agenda was discussion of bylaws. Chairman Allers said since we have changed from a commission to a council, it's been discussed that we need to update our current bylaws. Council Member Donahue has gotten copies of bylaws from other councils. Chairman Allers asked that Council Members Donahue and Stover work together and then he'll choose a meeting date and that will be the primary focus of the meeting. Then, we can get something drafted and given to the County Commissioners for their review.

In other business:

- Jim Farthing said he's been at this for over 35 years and he's been working with the county since the inception of the airport. He'll be retiring at the end of the year. Once he retires, he will be available on an hourly basis, if needed.
- Council Member Donahue said in reference to the derelict aircraft issue and what is the recourse. In researching this, he was unable to determine if there was any recourse and if they are privately owned can you move them. These are abandoned aircraft, but they are paying the rent for the tie down. It's detrimental to the airport and it doesn't

generate revenue to the airport other than a \$35 tie down fee. There's no aviation activity. The FAA says a lot about what a hangar can be used for, but it doesn't really talk about tie downs, but it intends for the tie down space to also be an aviation-related activity and an abandoned aircraft really isn't an aviation-related activity. There's really not a clear answer, but it's something that definitely needs to be addressed. Council Member Trubilla asked what do other airports do. Mr. Carson said he could investigate that.

- The next meeting will be October 8th at 5:30 p.m.

At approximately 6:15 p.m., Council Member Dickens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Bunn. The motion passed unanimously.