

TRIANGLE NORTH EXECUTIVE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Minutes

The Triangle North Executive Airport Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Phillip Stover on December 10, 2013 in the conference room of the Triangle North Executive Airport.

In attendance were Commissioners: Phillip Stover, Guy Martin, Taylor Bartholomew and David Bunn. Also, in attendance were Steve Merritt (Airport Manager) and Jim Farthing (Michael Baker Engineering). Absent from the meeting were Commissioners John Allers, Don Lancaster, and Herman Dickens.

The second agenda item was review and approval of minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

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

The fourth item on the agenda was the airport operations update by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said things are running smoothly at the airport. Our fuel prices are a little higher than some and we could lower our price to get to our markup formula, but we haven't had to do that. Johnston County is about 75 cents less than we are, but they charge more for Jet fuel. Mr. Merritt said our price doesn't seem to deter anyone from using our airport. The AWOS is being tuned up by our new AWOS technician. We have been installing motion sensor lights on the t-hangars and we have the first row mounted on and will be having them wired soon. Fuel prices are going up on Jet fuel and coming down on Avgas.

The fifth item on the agenda was the budget update by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said we are about in the same position as last year at this time. We are under budget for our part-time salaries, so our part-time employee will be working all year long and we'll be able to get a lot of housekeeping things done since he won't be busy mowing the grass. Mr. Merritt said he found out why the vehicle supplies account is so high. It's because when we purchase fuel for the tractor and gas for the trucks they come out of that account.

The sixth item on the agenda was the update on hangar development projects by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said the Fayard hangar is almost complete and ready for occupancy. All the carpet, electrical and big fans have been installed. There are no tenants yet, but once it's ready for occupancy, we are sure it will have tenants.

Mr. Merritt said now that the Fayard's lease is complete and has been filed with the Register of Deeds, we can move on with working on the new box hangar lease.

Mr. Merritt said Mr. Fayard has paid his first year of rent on his hangar and he would like to pay the remaining 39 years of the lease off too. Mr. Merritt thinks this would be a good thing, but he wanted to discuss this with the Commission to get their thoughts first. After some discussion, the Commission asked that Mr. Merritt discuss this with Chuck Murray and Pete Tomlinson and report on this at the next meeting.

In other business:

- Mr. Merritt said at a previous meeting, he discussed a memorial for George T. Lumpkin, USMC. The 40' flagpole has been installed out front and there will be a bronze plaque honoring Mr. Lumpkin, as well as any others that deserve such honors. We had hoped this would be completed by Veteran's Day and we'd have the service then, but it wasn't finished at that time. Once this is completed, we'll send out an announcement with the date and time of the event. The Marine Corps and the Civil Air Patrol will be in attendance, as well.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 14th at 5:30 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.