

TRIANGLE NORTH EXECUTIVE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Minutes

The Triangle North Executive Airport Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman John Allers on June 12, 2012 in the conference room of the Triangle North Executive Airport.

In attendance were Commissioners: John Allers, Guy Martin, Herman Dickens, Phillip Stover, and Don Lancaster. Also, in attendance were Steve Merritt (Airport Manager), Jim Farthing (Michael Baker Engineering), Roger Lytle (Candidate-County Commissioner) and Carey Johnson (The Franklin Times). Absent from the meeting were Commissioners Taylor Bartholomew and Shane Mitchell.

The second item on the agenda was review and approval of the minutes from the May 8, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Martin motioned that the minutes be approved as read, with Commissioner Dickens seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

The third agenda item 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 an update on airport operations by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said we have completed the process of upgrading the Jet fuel truck and it now meets ATA 103 standards. The corporate hangars are full, as well as the t-hangars, and we have eight (8) people on the waiting list for t-hangars. Mr. Merritt said fuel prices are trending down. The acquisition of the Gordon property is not complete yet because there is one more deed of trust that has not been canceled because the former landowner says Ms. Gordon still owes him money. Mr. Merritt said Ronnie Goswick has spoken with David Guin about this matter and asked that it be resolved as soon as possible. Mr. Merritt said we are in the test phase of developing an agreement with Rampart to provide contract jet fuel for them. Brett James Aviation is now operational in Hangar B. He specializes in performing maintenance for Malibu and Meridian aircraft, and his hangar is already full with customers needing repairs. Mr. Merritt said we have a request from Fayard Enterprises (Paul and Nancy Fayard) for a 12,000 sq. ft. hangar. Pete Tomlinson has the request and is in the process of drafting a lease. Mr. Fayard owns a few planes that he fixes up and sells, and the hangar will serve as a renovation business.

The fifth item on the agenda was the budget update by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said we purchased about \$95,000 worth of fuel in the month of May, but we may not need to buy any in June, depending on how much fuel Rampart uses. We had a loss of approximately \$18,000 for the month of May.

The sixth item on the agenda was status of land acquisition by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said as stated in the Airport ops update, there is one more deed of trust that has not been canceled because the former landowner says Ms. Gordon still owes him money. We hope this matter will be cleared up soon.

The seventh item on the agenda was discussion of hangar development by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said as stated previously, Paul and Nancy Fayard are interested in building a 12,000 sq. ft. hangar at the airport, which would serve as a renovation business. The ground lease and letter of intent have been sent to Pete Tomlinson, so that he can draft the lease. Mr. Merritt said Michael Baker Engineering has already drafted some rough drawings of the hangar, and we might need to relocate the road somewhat and the gate, as well as some of the utilities. This would be at our expense. Chairman Allers said let's be sure to look at all the options before we pay a high amount for relocating the road, gate, etc.

The eighth item on the agenda was an update on "High Flight". Mr. Merritt said this event has been modified into a business day instead of a community open house. We are going to work with the Chamber of Commerce and see if we can get 50-100 business people out here to show how the airport works.

In other business:

- Chairman Allers said instead of having a separate workshop to discuss TIP, he'd like to have it as part of the October meeting.
- Commissioner Stover asked if there had been any progress made on the GCO (Ground Communications Outlet). Mr. Merritt said Johnston County has been trying to get their GCO replaced with an RTR (Remote Transmitter/Receiver), and he wanted to wait and let them go through the process first. There is an individual at the FAA in Atlanta who is extremely difficult to deal with and is requiring a great deal of paperwork to be filled out, so he would like for Johnston County to get theirs first, and that might make it easier for us to go through the process.
- There will be no meeting held in July. The next meeting will be August 14th at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.