

# TRIANGLE NORTH EXECUTIVE AIRPORT COMMISSION

**Tuesday, September 10, 2013**

## Minutes

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

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

The second agenda item was review and approval of minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Stover motioned that the minutes be approved as read, with Commissioner Martin 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 operations update by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said there was a leak in the ceiling above the bathrooms, so both bathrooms are out of order right now. Our insurance deductible is \$10,000, so we won't be able to file it under our insurance. However, we are using the county's Maintenance Department to take care of the repairs, so that has worked out well.

Mr. Merritt said we are out of tie down spaces and we have four guests from Sanford here. These were customers Mr. Merritt said he already knew. Two are in a hangar and two are outside. What we are working on is adding two more tie downs where the two big hangars are and Baker Engineering has already drawn out the concept for that.

Mr. Merritt said we are still working on the parking lot for Triangle Skydiving. We want to move the fence and someone is supposed to take a bulldozer to tear up the rock, but this hasn't happened yet. Justin Leonard has been so busy working on the Fayard's hangar that he just hasn't had a chance to get this done yet.

We are still working on putting a fence around the former Anne Gordon property. We have previously discussed that our first estimate for this was about \$500,000. As we get closer to the time to do this, we need to decide whether we need to fence in that buffer area, as well.

Mr. Merritt said there is another layer and planning process for our TIP. We need to be sure to coordinate with CAMPO (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) because the NCDOT has a new formula now. The nice thing about this is that we could possibly get \$200,000-\$300,000 and also because Raleigh-Durham is capped at \$500,000, so this could work in our favor.

The fifth agenda item was budget update by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said our budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year is basically the same as 2012-13, with just a little rearranging. We are still buying part of our fuel (Jet) from Phillips and part from Shell (Avgas) because of the costs savings. We still have the \$1 buyout option from Eastern Aviation on the fuel trucks, but we haven't taken that yet because Eastern Aviation is still responsible for taking care of the fuel trucks. Currently, our net operating results is \$35,000.00.

The sixth item on the agenda was update on hangar development projects by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said construction on the Fayard's hangar is continuing and moving along smoothly. Mr. Merritt said Angela Harris called Pete Tomlinson today to ask him about the status of the lease agreement and he said he'd have it completed soon.

Mr. Merritt said he is talking with another private individual about a lease on a new box hangar. Justin Leonard is getting a quote together for the individual.

In other business:

- Mr. Merritt said he wanted to discuss a memorial for George T. Lumpkin, USMC. Mr. Lumpkin was born in Youngsville and grew up in the Oxford Orphanage. In 1942, Mr. Lumpkin was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism and distinguished service while serving as a pilot against the Japanese fleet during the Battle of Midway. During the initial attack, Second Lieutenant Lumpkin, in a hail of blasting fire, dived his plane to the perilously low altitude of 400 feet before releasing his bomb. Mr. Merritt said he wants to put up a 30 ft. flagpole and a bronze plaque honoring him, as well as any others that deserve such honors. The flagpole will have a light shining on it at all times, with a foot marker underneath it. The Marine Corps and Civil Air Patrol will be here on Veteran's Day for the dedication. Commissioner Dickens motioned that Mr. Merritt move forward with this memorial, with Commissioner Stover seconding. The motion passed unanimously.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.