

TRIANGLE NORTH EXECUTIVE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Minutes

The Triangle North Executive Airport Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Allers on October 11, 2011 in the conference room of the Triangle North Executive Airport.

In attendance were Commissioners: John Allers and Guy Martin. Also, in attendance were Steve Merritt (Airport Manager), Angela Harris (County Manager), Jim Farthing (The LPA Group), and Carey Johnson (The Franklin Times). Absent from the meeting were Commissioners Herman Dickens, Phillip Stover, Taylor Bartholomew, Shane Mitchell and Don Lancaster.

The second item on the agenda was review and approval of the minutes from the September 7th, 13th and October 5th meetings. No quorum was present. Agenda item deferred until next meeting.

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 an update on airport operations by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said the rotating beacon is still not working, and we are waiting to get a drive shaft for it. We're having a hard time finding a drive shaft because it's such an old motor. Mr. Merritt says a technician showed us how to get the GCO (Ground Communications Outlet) to work, but we are still working on having it replaced with an RTR (Remote Transmitter/Receiver). Mr. Merritt said he has spoken with Chastity Clark (NCDOT-Division of Aviation) about the possibility of this being funded by the NCDOT, and she's going to check into that. Mr. Merritt said he would like to see about getting the one at Horace Williams Airport in Chapel Hill once it is decommissioned.

Mr. Merritt said we are pumping about 5,000 gallons less of fuel than last year at this time, but the contribution to profit is about the same because we've change our procedure for pricing. This has not scared away our big customers, but some of our smaller customers are not flying as much. We are still \$1.50 cheaper than Raleigh-Durham airport for both Avgas and Jet A. Mr. Merritt said actual dollars in fuel sales is up about \$2,300 over last year's fuel sales.

The fifth item on the agenda was the budget update by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said we are at 29% of expenses and 28% of revenues, and the budget is in good shape. A large portion of the buildings and grounds maintenance line item was used towards repairs due to the tornadoes in April, and the insurance and bonds line item is about \$36,000 less because of our yearly deduction for our liability insurance.

Mr. Merritt said the Pilots Association is giving the airport a large flat screen TV for the conference room and we'll be able to use it as a projector, as well. This will be an asset when someone wants to use the conference room for a meeting or presentation.

The sixth item on the agenda was application for discretionary grant for land acquisition by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said negotiations are continuing.

The seventh item on the agenda was an update on "High Flight" by Steve Merritt. Mr. Merritt said the event unfortunately had to be canceled due to rain, but we are hoping to reschedule the Young Eagles program in the near future.

Mr. Merritt made the Commission aware of a parachuting incident, which happened last Saturday night. About 3 to 4 times a year, the very experienced jumpers make a jump at night. One of the jumpers was aiming for an open field and did not see a power line and hit it. Power did go out at a ladies' house, but fortunately, the power line that the jumper hit was not attached to her house or it would have been much worse. The jumper was not injured, and the skydiving association has agreed to meet with the lady and explain what happened and apologize, if necessary.

Mr. Merritt said the storm water prevention plan is 99% complete and we are essentially in compliance.

Jim Farthing said the NCDOT-Division of Aviation will be requiring another TIP update soon. Chairman Allers asked that this be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting.

The eighth item on the agenda was closed session. David Guin was not present at the meeting. No closed session was needed at this time.

In other business:

- The next meeting will be on November 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the airport conference room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.