

Rutherford County Airport Authority Meeting

April 10, 2012

Present: Authority members – Bob Howard, Chairman; Bob Ralph, Vice Chairman; Rob Bole, Keith Hunter and Jamie Lou Padgett.

Also present: Beth Miller, Airport Authority attorney; James Luther, WK Dickson; Charles & Amy Thomas, Russell Hyde, George Padgett, Gordon Pendarvis, David Reno, Danny Wells, Bill Eckler, Latt Honeycutt, Troy Tevis, Chris Roach, Jane Ronan, and Jeanette Bosgra.

Bob H. opened the meeting. Jamie Lou led in prayer and the pledge of allegiance followed.

Minutes – Bob R. motioned to accept the minutes and four were in favor, with Rob abstaining since he was not present at the March meeting.

Public Comments – Russell Hyde spoke about airport leases and Franklin Engine; Charles Thomas spoke about fuel taxes in regard to H2Air fuel truck and David Reno spoke on airport rules and H2Air fuel truck. All were limited to three minutes.

Budget Review – There were no comments on the budget.

Old Business

H2Air Fuel Truck Request – Bob noted that he has several items of concern and motioned to table the subject until May. He added that there are at least ten items that H2Air needs to address with Beth and James before the board can consider the request. Motion was approved unanimously.

Hangar Lease Violations – Jason sent an email to update the board on the hangar inspections, reporting they are pretty clean and 17 have been completed. Discussion followed on creating a climate to attract business to the airport and the requirements of the lease agreement. Bob stated that the commercial operators do not have proper leases but that they can be amended.

WK Dickson

AWOS Update – The AWOS is currently being installed on site since yesterday. The modem was hit by lightning, was not part of package and was not ordered. Though not reimbursable under a grant, the modem has now been ordered and will be installed once it arrives.

West Hangar – Work is continuing and paving should begin in a couple of weeks. Fencing is being done and moving along rapidly. WK Dickson will check on existing entrance road with FAA before removing pavement. The last couple of rows of hangars will use the new access road. There is a need for signage and a guard rail as a barrier. WK Dickson will try to address with signage prior to removing pavement. All the posts are in.

Obstruction Update- Bob H. reported that Shelby experienced a similar situation and worked out a deal to eliminate their obstruction. He asked the board's permission to research Shelby's solution and possibly try once more. All were in favor to research this.

TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) – The updated TIP was presented to the board for review. Rob motioned to approve and all were in favor.

Rules & Regulations Revision Update – Beth received revisions and sent by email for consideration by the board. Any questions can be forwarded to Keith Merritt.

Land Acquisition – The environmental screening has been completed. The appraiser will contact property owner on the appraisal. It was mentioned that there are some items to be removed prior to purchase but nothing alarming.

Shares/RC – Jamie Lou asked to table this item until May.

Solar Project Update – Bob H. updated the board on progress. There is a preliminary lease but there are questions and it will require multiple parties including the county and Duke Energy. Bob will get more information and references. He is also talking with Shelby about their solar project.

Parking Areas behind Hangars – A quote was received on gravel for the parking area discussed at the March meeting. APAC will take out 4" dirt and put down 4" of gravel for \$1,510. After discussion on establishing a procedure for spending on items that are not budgeted, the consensus was to have it done since APAC is on site and the price is fair. Rob motioned to approve and all were in favor.

Airport Manager's Report

Amy reported sales of 4,800 gallons. Three bulbs have been replaced on the runway and all are working. There will be a lunch on April 28th from 12-2 for hangar owners and those that fly in to the airport.

FBO Contract - Keith brought copies of the FBO contract stating that some board members were not in negotiations with the FBO two years ago. He asked board members to review for May's meeting to see if the FBO is doing what they are paid to do. Robert's Rules were mentioned in adhering to the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.