

Rutherford County Airport Authority Meeting

May 8, 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, Taber Hyde, Mickey Cochran, Chris Roach, Julius Owens, Bill & Kathy Eckler and Jeanette Bosgra.

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

Minutes – Minutes for the regular and special meetings in April were emailed to board members for review. Rob asked for a correction to the April 27th special meeting minutes. He said he did not withdraw the motion but it died for lack of support. The minutes were revised accordingly. Keith motioned to approve and motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Budget Review – Keith reported expenses of \$5,600 last month and projected having \$20,000 left by June 30th.

Bill Eckler – Commissioner Eckler responded to Russell Hyde's comments regarding Franklin Engine which were made at the April meeting. He gave the board an overview of the work that was done diligently in an effort to bring Franklin Engine to the county.

Troy Tevis – Bob H. reported that Troy could not attend the meeting but did forward the following proposed mission statement for the airport.

The mission statement of the Rutherford County Airport Authority is to provide a safe, legal, and efficient environment to support the commercial and general aviation operations at the Rutherford County Airport for the benefit of the citizens of Rutherford County.

Bob H. motioned to approve the mission statement and all were in favor.

Old Business

H2Air Fuel Truck Request – The board discussed the letter that Beth sent with the items needed from H2Air regarding their fuel truck request. Keith motioned to accept the request contingent on their providing the items in the letter. After discussion about items that need to be addressed such as property lease, flowage and the fact that the H2Air Corporation does not own an aircraft, Keith withdrew the motion. There was consensus to send a letter indicating willingness and to give encouragement.

WK Dickson

AWOS Update – The AWOS is operational short of the modem that is on order and a recent lightning strike on the terminal. Repairs will cost \$560 per Bob H. The old ceilometer is on the ground and Vaisala will take when they return for repair.

West Hangar Area Update –Paving started yesterday and should be completed by the end of next week. Fencing has been installed but is on hold until the paving is completed.

Rules & Regulations Revision – The board discussed revisions that were given to them by Keith Merritt. Any further changes should be forwarded to Bob H.

Solar Project Update – Bob H. updated the board on the meeting that was held with Beth, Bob H., Roger Stout and counsel by phone. The process will be long but at this point what is needed is a letter of intent to let them move forward. Keith motioned to send a letter of intent and motion passed with all in favor.

New Business

Amy Thomas – Amy presented the attached letter of resignation effective June 30th. Board members expressed their thanks for the time Amy was at the airport and also thanked her for the time given to work out a transition. Rob motioned to regretfully accept the resignation.

Non-Budgeted Repairs – Keith presented the attached quote for repair of the parking lot. The work will make the place look nicer and be in compliance. He reported there would be enough to do this work. Rob disagreed, mentioning the \$6,000 that was approved for tree removal and bulldozing at the March meeting, \$2,000 for land appraisal, \$600 for modem, \$4,000 encumbered for legal fees and the need to pay Beth for the year. This would leave about \$5,600 for the year.

Amy asked for assurance that fuel can be purchased freely and she will be reimbursed at cost. Bob H. said he would talk with Carl. The board agreed that the parking lot is not a priority at this time but will look at next year's budget.

Airport Manager's Report

Amy reported that the AWOS is working and reporting. Fuel sales were \$4,500 total. She told the board that fuel profits were about \$1 per gallon. Jeanette will send board members fuel sales reports. There was some discussion about self-serve fuel noting that the grant funds have been redescribed for other purposes and the fact that there was not compatible equipment available. A new fuel farm would include self-serve capabilities but may necessitate discounts on fuel.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.