



## Minutes of Meeting of Gadsden Airport Authority

### Friday June 17, 2022

The Gadsden Airport Authority held a meeting at Gadsden Airport Fire Station Building #3 on Friday, June 17, 2022.

In attendance: Ken Robertson, Billy Billingsley, Jonathan Welch, Spencer Williams, Robert Turk, Tim McCartney and Randall Gober.

A quorum was present.

Billy Billingsley called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion by Jonathan Welch and a second by Spencer Williams, there was a unanimous vote to accept the May 2022 Minutes.

Upon a motion by Robert Turk and a second by Tim McCartney, there was a unanimous vote to accept the May 2022 GAA Financials.

#### **Randall Gober**

Narmco Prince Metal One Acre land, appraisal for 11,000 dollars, environmental study and all necessary other paperwork, and letter has been sent to the FAA for their approval.

Bob Miller Lease adjustment, 5-year modification where they would payback upgrade expenses from the first year of their lease. Lee Roberts is in contact with Bob Miller and currently working out the specifics. We will table this issue until an agreement is reached.

Alabama Grading and Excavation is interested in leasing property to store equipment for a project on Pineview circle.

Upon a motion by Tim McCartney and a second by Spencer Williams, the Board tentatively approved moving forward with drafting a lease in the amount of \$1500 a month for 150 days, provided that Alabama Grading and Excavating provide the appropriate insurance with the Gadsden Airport Authority listed as an additional insured and that Alabama Grading and Excavation will clean up the leased property before the project is complete.

**Trey Perman** asked for permission to put on the fly-in drive -in in October of 2022. He will sell tickets.

If the GAA sells tickets, they will be low cost just to cover cost and will provide the appropriate insurance.

Upon a motion by Spencer Williams and a second by Robert Turk, the Board unanimously agreed to allow Trey Perman to proceed and to come back with more details about the fly-in.

**GAA counsel Robert Baugh** explained that on June 2, 2022, Judge Day entered an Order pertaining to the zoning case. A hearing is scheduled for July 25, to address whether attorney fees should be awarded to counsel for the Plaintiffs. The GAA will be opposing that request because we don't believe the tax payers should be paying for the attorney fees.

**Jonathan Welch** stated that we are proud to have the Alabama National Guard at the airport. Over the past several months Spencer Williams and Jonathan Welch have met with the National Guard and had several conversations. We are looking at an expansion of the runway to 11000 ft. Expanding the fuel farm, to be able to service National Guard training and an additional National Guard presence. We are working together with the City, The National Guard and the Airport Authority And looking at funding with federal and state sources. It will be a big project, it will increase the presence of the National Guard as well as open additional options for air freight and other operations. This is just the beginning stages and once the funding is secured, we can build a timeline. The National guard is excited about the possibilities that would open up at the airport and for the National Guard to a lot more availability for operation at the airport.

Josh Stump discussed the length of the runway and the strength of the runway, which are some of the issues for consideration for the expansion project

Spencer Williams said that he would like to look at this project as a win in progress. This would be a significant economic impact for the area, not only for the City, but County-wide.

A motion by Ken Robertson and a second by Robert Turk, followed by a unanimous vote to adjourn.