



## Minutes of Meeting of Gadsden Airport Authority

### Friday, August 19, 2022

The Gadsden Airport Authority held a meeting at the Gadsden Airport Fire Station Building #3, on Friday, August 19, 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 Tim McCartney and a second by Robert Turk, followed by a unanimous vote, the GAA voted to accept the June 2022 Minutes.

Upon a motion by Jonathan Welch and a second by Tim McCartney, followed by a unanimous vote, the GAA voted to accept the June and July 2022 GAA Financials.

Alabama Grading and Excavation had expressed interest in leasing property to store equipment for a project on Pineview Circle, but later declined the offer and has gone elsewhere.

**Trey Perman** on the fly-in/drive-in scheduled for October 1, 2022, from 10 am till 1 pm. Riverfest will begin same day at 1 o'clock. Tickets will be set up online, available on android or apple devices, to keep up with head count. Will include a few old cars for the drive-in. Mr. Perman will make sure insurance is in place.

Narmco Prince Metal 1 Acre land, still awaiting the FAA approval. It had appraisal for \$11,000, environmental study and all necessary other paperwork, and letter has been sent to the FAA for its approval.

**Josh Stump** - September 23, 2022, pre-applications are due. He has met with Frank Farmer (ALDOT Aeronautics) to go over the 5-year capital improvement plan, and more specifically next year's plan. We have rolled over last two-year funding of \$150,000 plus this year will have \$450,000 available with BIL grant. Pavement preservation, which is sealcoat, crack seal and remark the entire runway. Last year estimate was a little over \$800,000, that includes construction and engineering. Between now and the next Board meeting we will update the cost of this project.

FY 2022 next five year we will receive an extra \$295,000 as part of the BIL grant ALDOT refers to it as AIG separate grant will be available. Area on Runway 06/24 that shows some fatigue and pavement failure that we are watching, and we are making a plan to get it repaired.

In a new announcement from the FAA, we will be able to use AIP and AIG money on the same project, little more complicated but it is possible. Airports can't afford what they did two years ago because of inflation.

**Randall Gober** - ALDOT safety issues, we had some pavement hydraulic issues that we have gone back and repaired on Runway 18/36. Removed pavement from 6 actual locations, and next Monday we will replace 6 runway lights in these locations. Runway 18/36 has developed several cracks in pavement itself, it is not funded by the FAA, and we need to seek funding to repair this runway, or we will eventually have to close it. FAA does not fund secondary runways at uncontrolled airports anymore.

Start planning to overlay to runway 18/36. Crack seals would make it last longer. But at some point, the Board will have to decide if it's feasible to keep the secondary runway or close it to include taxiway bravo. Josh Stump will work up a cost on what it will cost to maintain the secondary runway. Possibility of seeking alternate funding to maintain the secondary runway.

ACA annual conference in Huntsville, Alabama on September 26 and 27, 2022. Josh Stump will be present as well as Randall Gober.

**Spencer Williams** - 20<sup>th</sup> Special Forces has asked to set up structure to dry parachutes inside the fence. Josh Stump suggests filing an FAA Form 7460 to notify FAA of any new construction. Should not exceed 31 feet in height.

Upon a motion by Tim McCartney and a second by Spencer Williams, followed by a unanimous vote, the GAA voted to adjourn.