



Minutes of Meeting of Gadsden Airport Authority

Friday, October 21, 2022

The Gadsden Airport Authority held a meeting at The Venue at Coosa Landing on Friday, October 21, 2022.

In attendance: Billy Billingsley, Jonathan Welch, Spencer Williams, Robert Turk, and Tim McCartney. Also attending were Randall Gober, Jim Williams, Josh Stump, Dixie Minatra and Gil Isbell.

A quorum was present.

Bill Billingsley called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion by Spencer Williams and a second by Tim McCartney, followed by a unanimous vote, the GAA approved the September 2022 Minutes.

Upon a motion by Jonathan Welch and a second by Robert Turk, followed by a unanimous vote, the GAA approved the August and September 2022 GAA Financials.

Next month, Todd Hindsman from BMSS will attend to explain annual financials and 2023 budgets for GAA and Northeast Alabama Regional.

The Fly-in/Drive-in went well for a one-day event. Generated approximately 1100 tickets. Greg Turley with Wallace State did about 12 flights in a helicopter and even more people showed interest to get their license in the future. About 30 cars parked for public viewing, not very many airplanes flew in, approximately 8 to 10. We did not sell very much fuel for the event but there were a lot of people who would have to be considered for future events. Trey Perman was pleased with the event, and he claims to have broken even. Vendors looked busy, but we did not get any numbers before they packed up and headed out to Riverfest.

Randall Gober: Cloud Based Security Cameras Installed. Billy Billingsley spoke with Homeland Security, not necessary but does let us be aware of what is going on. There are 8 still-shot cameras and 1 PTZ that has a 360-degree viewing area.

We are going to get with Heath Williamson, City Engineer, and will have some time soon to address some drainage issues we have with the secondary runway and taxiway bravo.

ACA Conference Josh Stump and Randall met the new FAA Representative, Lorn Whittaker. He seems to be very positive for support of Gadsden Airport in future projects with the FAA.

We had 3 Corporate Aircrafts from the runway closure at Albertville Airport, we sold about 4000 gallons combined. The 20th Special Forces had a jump exercise with two CH-47 chinooks for a single Saturday, and they used about 3800 gallons.

The following Monday, USDA rabies Vaccines Project. Utilize 5 to 6 King Air 90's covering previously designated unpopulated areas. From Northeast Alabama to West Central Alabama to drop vaccines that are scented and look like a ketchup package. They had 2, 53ft trailers, 1 portable office, 30 people, 5 or 6 rental cars, hotel rooms and this operation used about 10,200 gallons of fuel in a four-day period. This was all set up due to a contact made at the ACA conference last year in Gulf Shores with the USDA agent

attending the conference. They were looking for a larger area to work from, decided they would give us a try, and so far, they will be back for the 2023 season.

The chairman is authorized to allow BMSS to access the new Banking online account.

Trey Perman asks for Neel Schaffer CAD file for the museum development. The Museum will have to submit a formal request with more details.

Josh Stump: update on the two separate Airport Improvement Programs. Mid November or early December we should hear back from the FAA if we will get a go- or no-go letter. Met with Lorn Whittaker, FAA Project Manager at the ACA Conference, and first impression is that he will be more hands-on and involved for our future airport programs.

Whit Torbert (Torbet and Torbert PA) and Ed Howard (Ford Howard and Cornet PC) to be considered for local legal counsel. Tabled until next month's meeting.

Budget/Audit tabled until next month after meeting Todd Hindsman.

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

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2022.