



Minutes of Meeting of Gadsden Airport Authority

Friday, September 16, 2022

The Gadsden Airport Authority held a meeting at Gadsden Airport Fire Station Building #3, on Friday, September 16, 2022.

In attendance: Ken Robertson, Billy Billingsley, Jonathan Welch, Spencer Williams, Robert Turk, and Randall Gober. Josh Stump was also present, as was legal counsel Jim Williams.

A quorum was present. **Bill Billingsley** called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion by Jonathan Welch and a second by Spencer Williams, followed by a unanimous vote, the GAA approved the August, 2022 Minutes.

Upon a motion by Jonathan Welch and a second by Ken Robertson, followed by a unanimous vote, the GAA tabled the August, 2022, GAA Financials until the next meeting.

Trey Perman on the fly-in/drive-in scheduled for October 1, 2022 - 10 am till 1 pm. Insurance certificate in place, was just received this morning and will be forwarded to GAA's legal counsel. Security provided by SRO officer that helped us last year, will be paid by The Museum. Five Porta Johns provided by Weaver Septic. The Civil Air Patrol will assist with marshalling of aircraft. Vendors from last year and some new vendors will be on site for the event. Wallace State will have helicopter on site, to provide rides at below cost to get interest in flight training with Wallace State Rotorcraft training curriculum. Museum will provide tickets, parking, transportation to and from the parking areas and clean up after the event.

20th Special Forces has asked to set up structure to dry parachutes inside the fence. Josh Stump suggest filing a Form 7460 to notify FAA of any new construction. Should not exceed 31 feet in height. We have the poles in hand waiting on the 20th special forces sergeant in charge to tell us where to place these poles.

Erin and Randall reached out to Phillip Rogers at the FAA to make sure they have received all the documents they need to proceed with the Narmco Prince Metals 1 Acre land acquisition. We had no luck so far. Josh Stump suggest contact Jackson, MS, FAA ADO.

Josh Stump presents a resolution for consideration pertaining to September 23 pre applications are due the 5-year capital improvement plan, and more specifically next year's plan. AIP Airport Improvement Plan. So, we have rolled over last two-year funding of \$150,000 plus this year will have \$450,000 available. Pavement preservation, which is sealcoat, crack seal and remarking runway 06/24. After meeting with ALDOT Aeronautics, about the additional \$400k needed, they seem positive that we can get the additional discretionary funding needed to complete this project from the state or the FAA. Additional

project will include an area on the runway that is having a pavement failure issue, that is not currently a safety issue but eventually will be.

The resolution will say that the GAA is making an application to the State for airport improvement project, and it also says that we do have the funding needed for the local match, typically 5%. Since there is a co-sponsorship, ALDOT requires a resolution from both sponsors. Both Resolutions acknowledge that the GAA is going to make an application and Mr. Billingsley will be signing for it. Next year's project is Runway lighting upgrade from the old fixtures with quartz bulbs to the new more efficient led lights. It is due next Friday. Billy Billingsley will receive an email that will require you to digitally sign to complete the pre-application.

Spencer Williams made a motion to authorize the GAA chairman to sign the pre-application for 2023 AIP application for project funding. Motion was seconded by Robert Turk, followed by a unanimous vote to approve the motion.

Late November early December we will get a go/no go letter from the FAA, once we get that we execute a contract between Neel-Schaffer and the GAA.

Randall Gober Airport Seizure operations with Air Force at night, we have discussed having a public military day to get the local public familiar with the operations that are going on, and with night vision goggles being used a single flashlight or headlight could impair the operator's vision. The exercises are done with as much darkness as possible for effectiveness of the night vision goggles to operate effectively. So, with the airport in total darkness and the safety of the operation, the general public would not be allowed to view this type operation. Notams (Notice To Airmen) are filed and local 911 and police dispatch is notified, along with Birmingham tower and Atlanta Center (Air Traffic Control for our area).

A motion by Spencer Williams and second by Robert Turk, followed by a unanimous vote, the GAA meeting was adjourned.