



Minutes of Meeting of Gadsden Airport Authority Friday June 16, 2023

The Gadsden Airport Authority held a meeting at Gadsden Fire Station #2, Meeting Room #3, 5121 Airport Road, Gadsden, AL 35906, Friday, June 16, 2023.

In attendance: Members Craig Denney, Spencer Williams, Billy Billingsley, Robert Turk, Tim McCartney, Ken Robertson, and Kent Haney. Also attending were Randall Gober, board attorney Ed Howard of Ford, Howard & Cornett P.C, Natalie Hobbs of Goodwin Mills Cawood engineering firm, Gadsden city engineer Heath Williamson, Gadsden mayor's chief of staff Brett Johnson, and incoming Airport Director Anthony Tarver.

Roll was called, a quorum was present, and Chairman Billingsley called the meeting to order.

Approval of May 2023 Minutes: After review, motion to approve the May 2023 minutes was made by Tim McCartney, seconded by Spencer Williams, and the board unanimously approved said minutes.

Approval of the May 2023 Financial Reports: After review, motion to approve and accept the May 2023 financial reports was made by Spencer Williams, seconded by Tim McCartney, and the board unanimously approved and accepted said financial reports.

Board Selection Committee: Tim McCartney and Spencer Williams were selected as the GAA board selection committee. Nominations and selections of officers are to be made at the August meeting.

Engineer Report: GMC's Natalie Hobbs reported their recommendation to approve accepting Hi-lite's bid for the runway project and if approved, the need for the chairman to sign the grant application in a digital format. Motion to approve the bid and authorize the chairman to sign digitally was made by Tim McCartney and seconded by Ken Robertson, and the board unanimously so approved and authorized.

Airport Executive Director: Mayor's chief of staff Brett Johnson introduced Anthony Tarver as the Gadsden Airport Executive Director. The mayor agreed to hire the selected candidate as a city employee and offer the new director a full benefits package, including

state retirement, health insurance benefits, and other attractive City employee benefits. Director Tarver's effective start date would be August 4, 2023.

Motion to approve and accept Anthony Tarver as the Airport Executive Director was made by Ken Robertson and seconded by Robert Turk, and the board unanimously approved and accepted the selected candidate, and congratulated him on his selection.

NFPA 407 Mandatory Scully Monitor Install: Randall Gober reported that Rebel Services installed the airport's Scully monitor system on June 2, 2023, and the monitor was tested and observed with the Gadsden Fire Marshall on-site.

Executive session: Spencer Williams makes a motion to enter executive session which was seconded. Board attorney Howard clarified that the purpose was for discussions which meet the requirements of the executive session statute, Ala. Code 36-25A-7. Roll was called and the board unanimously voted to enter executive session.

Following executive session, the board returned and motion to adjourn was made by Robert Turk and seconded by Ken Robertson