

MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2021

Members: Thomas Main Cope Lawrence Melma Gillis
Suzanne Johnson

Attendees: Von Memory Jordan Russell Matt Thomason

Thomas Main Chairman of the Franklin Field Airport Authority presided over the meeting. Thomas submitted the agenda for review. Cope Lawrence, Vice Chairman, made a motion to adopt the agenda which was seconded by member Melma Gillis. The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board. Thomas submitted the minutes for review and Suzanne Johnson made a motion to adopt followed by a second motion from Cope. The Board unanimously approved the minutes. Chairman Main introduced the financial statements. Suzanne reported on the fuel sales and account balances. Chairman Main questioned any outstanding bills due and the balance after fuel purchase. Thomas discussed with Matt Thomason from Goodwyn Mills and Cawood (GMC) the grant money incoming to assist with the fuel purchase. Turn around time on federal grant money was estimated at 2-3 months. Cope suggested using some of the Utility company grant money for fuel purchase. A new AV gas system cost would run approximately \$58,000, Bullock County Development Board utility grant would be approximately \$35,000. Cope made a motion to approve the financials and Suzanne

seconded the adoption and the Board unanimously approved the statements.

Jordan Russel (GMC) reported on the status of the fencing project. Columbus fence , GMC, and Airport Authority members will meet in two weeks for a pre-construction review. Late August or early September will be ideal to begin construction.

Thomas reported on the airport fuel sales and having to shut the pump down due to limited fuel availability. Approximately 100 gallons remained before running out. Since May 7th 2000 gallons have been sold, year to date the amount has doubled.

Matt Thomason discussed with the FAA selling of the Calhoun house from the recent property purchase. The federal contacts are leery of a disposal of assets so soon after purchase. There is a mechanism for selling as scrap in an auction format but the relationship with FAA may be harmed. Matt recommended to retain the house and after a year this can be revisited. Thomas asked Cope if the old shack could be burned and the area cleaned up without affecting the house. Cope recommended the local fire department would be able to handle a controlled burn. Von Memory suggested running the AC in the house to prevent degradation of the structure. Matt suggested using the house for county office purposes or as a police/EMT substation to keep it in running order.

Thomas brought before the Board a proposal to purchase an 4000 gallon above ground AV gas tank. Thomas commented that \$5000 sales tax can

be taken off the quote to reduce the quote to approximately \$54,000. There are some other features that could be eliminated in the quote but the overall cost increase is not sufficient and the add-ons will ensure the tank is meeting all FAA requirements. Matt brought up the removal of the old system and environmental requirements. Abandon in place or removal can run over \$30,000. Suzanne made a motion to purchase an AV gas tank providing the necessary funds are available with a second by Cope Lawrence. The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a new above ground fuel tank.

Thomas reported on the incident that occurred across the highway involving a shoot out at an auto body business. The airport was involved because multiple rounds from the shoot out hit a hangar and a vehicle parked inside one of the bays. The Sheriff office met with the business owner and is requiring him to repair the damage. Hunter Smith is representing the airports interest and interacting with the business owner to decide on a repair agreement. Counselor Memory suggested a cost for repair be charged to the business owner and not have the owner try to repair the structures himself.

The Board discussed fire breaks around the airport perimeter. Von asked the Board about a timeline for poisoning the stumps and trees. Matt suggested spraying after the fence project because there will be some clearing involved. The pre-construction meeting will determine the logistics for both of these projects. Matt reminded the Board of the upcoming project for moving the road at the south end of the runway.

Thomas addressed the cleaning of the terminal. There is a need for a weekly cleaning with the increased traffic at the airport. Cope suggested an iRobot sweeper to assist in maintaining the floor.

Cope had a local farmer ask about bailing the airport property for hay. Cope will follow up to see if there is a benefit for the airport.

Suzanne made a motion to adjourn with a second by Cope.

Suzanne Johnson Secretary/Treasurer