



MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2020

Members: Melma Gillis Von Memory Cope Lawrence
 Thomas Main Suzanne Johnson

Attendees: Hunter Smith Addie Smith David Padgett
 Matt Thomason

Chairman Thomas Main opened the meeting with the submission of the agenda and the adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting. Addie Smith presented the financial statement to the Board and Thomas discussed the budget for the year. Suzanne Johnson made a motion to approve the financials with a second from Hunter Smith.

David Padgett reported on utilities and donations. Alabama Power, Troy Cable, and Dixie Electric. Alabama Power sent a \$5000 donation and will add the Bullock County Development Authority (BCDA) to their future budget. The donations from all the utility companies this year would go towards Franklin Field airport improvements and could come to a combined \$49,000. David suggested getting representatives from each utility together once a year to present and report on projects in Bullock County funded by these entities. Thomas voiced a concern of the Development Authority cutting funding since another source was available. David assured the Board that he would inform the BCDA that

the funding by the utilities goes towards airport repairs and improvements. Von Memory suggested keeping the Bullock County Commission (BCC) informed of the donations.

Thomas suggested to the new lawyer for the BCDA if she could encourage Wayne Farms executives to fly their jet in to the airport for a promotional photo. David reported that a marketing strategy for a 279 acre industrial park was in the workings. The airport would be included in this promotion.

Matt Thomason reported on the conclusion of the extension with a passed inspection. FAA will allow money left over from the extension project to roll over to the fencing project. Approximately \$220,000 will be 100% funding. This saves the County \$8000 (its local match).

Thomas reported on the new fuel pump ordered. It will be transferable to any new system the airport may get.

Von Memory will serve as the Authority's legal counsel and resign as member of the Board. Cope Lawrence made a motion to accept Vons resignation from the Board. Melma Gillis seconded the motion. Von noted the enthusiasm the Board exhibited in voting for his resignation. Cope made a motion to enter into contract with Von with a second by Melma . Thomas introduced Hunter Smith as Johnny Adams' appointment for Board member for Franklin Field Airport Authority (FFAA).

The Board discussed the Calhoun property appraisal of \$55-60,000 for 1 acre and the home. Thomas suggested Melma, Hunter, and Matt meet with Mrs Calhoun and coordinate a negotiation. The cost is FAA reimbursable within 6 months. Von suggested the title be reviewed to ensure the widow has rights to sell.

Thomas suggested the Board meet with the church next to the airport and inform them of the upcoming fence project. Practicing good neighbor policy is best and David stated the Chairman of the BCC is willing to meet with the deacons of the church.

The runway use for the crop duster was discussed. A location was determined where he could land and turn around with the ability to re-load chemicals and re-fuel without the tanker affecting the new runway.

Next years grant money was reviewed. Matt informed the Board of the annual \$150,000 grant. FAA would like to see how the traffic activity improves with the new runway before any more large projects are taken on. T-hangars are ineligible for the grant but sight improvements can be funded. The ALDOT sees Thomas' lot as a good expansion opportunity . The weather station is a possibility but the FAA wants the airport to front the cost of possibly \$250,000. The maintenance contract for a AWAS system runs \$5-8000 a year and there is no funding for that cost. Matt suggested this system improvement for FFAA is a couple years away. Matt suggested one of two goals for the coming year- land acquisition or roll over the annual funding. FFAA can save the funding for up to 6 years without being penalized.

Hunter made a motion to apply for AIP money for land acquisition with a second by Melma. Matt suggested an application be signed by the BCC.

Hunter made a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda. Suzanne seconded the motion. Thomas stated item #8 of the agenda was the Penn property purchase. Hunter made a motion to purchase the Penn property at an cost of no more than \$20,000 after reimbursement. A second was given by Melma.

David Padgett informed the Board of the procedure for appointing and re-appointment of members. David suggested Suzanne let the county Administrator know of her desire to remain on the Board.

Cope Lawrence made a motion to adjourn with a second by Melma.

Suzanne Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer