



## MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2020

Members: Thomas Main      Cope Lawrence      Hunter Smith  
Suzanne Johnson

Attendees: Addie Smith      David Padgett      Matt Thomason  
Sean Gallagher      Solomon Marlow (via teleconference)

Chairman Thomas Main began the meeting by presenting the agenda for the Board's approval. Vice Chairman Cope Lawrence made a motion to adopt the agenda with a second by Suzanne Johnson. Chairman Main presented the minutes to the Board for review and Suzanne made a motion to adopt the minutes with a second by Hunter Smith. Thomas requested Suzanne give a review of the financial report. The general and runway account amounts were reported. Chairman Main clarified that the Shelby grant of \$150,000 has not been spent. One tenant who is not up to date was reviewed and the potential income for January 2021 could be over \$19,000. Addie reported on 2 tenants who pay bi-annually. Cope made a motion to approve the financial statements with a second by Suzanne.

Matt Thomason from GMC reviewed the closing out of the project and grant money. The wetland credits for the fence and road are ongoing and the grant will stay open for these projects. The fencing project is pulled off for the winter due to site conditions and a delay in the Army Corps of Engineers permit. Property acquisition will be next years application for funding.

Chairman Thomas thanked Board member Hunter for fixing the lights that have been out for years. Thomas reported that the old gas station sight has been cleaned up and barricade ropes re-installed. Union Springs Telephone Company (USTC) is in the process of running fiber optics to the airport which will improve the bandwidth capabilities. David Padgett has been working with the telephone company to determine the necessary router and equipment for the airport. The cost would be \$139.95 per month. Hunter Smith made a motion to set up internet at \$139.95 with a second by Cope.

Sean Gallagher reported on the zoning ordinances and recent cell tower installation. The tower north of the field was determined to not be a problem and the FAA was aware. Cope suggested giving Bubba Blue (911 Director) the radius needed for the airport and he could be the first line of defense since tower companies have to contact him for address application. Sean also reminded the Board the tower companies must have FAA coordination and they review for impact to airport zones.

Suzanne reported that the new fuel pump will be installed Friday. A check will be left for Paul Gainus in the terminal. Hunter suggested keeping the old pump and having Paul leave it at the end of the hangar inside the roll up door room.

Cope will follow up with the sheriff to find the individual that wrecked into the fence.

The property acquisition for 2 parcels were discussed. The Calhoun and Penn properties. The deed for the Calhoun property is in her name. Thomas suggested setting up a meeting before Christmas. Thomas, Cope and David will meet with Mr. Penn. Thomas reminded the Board the election of officers was due. Cope Lawrence made a motion to keep the offers as they are with a second by Hunter Smith.

Matt reported that the State has left over money from the first round of Covid 19 related funding. The application is simple and open to small businesses. The grant could be up to \$20,000. The airport has experienced loss of revenue and incurred maintenance costs with the fuel pump due to non-use. Addie has begun the application process. Addie also suggested to the Board of applying for the Cares grant. David reported grants will be coming from Alabama Power,

Dixie Electric, and Troy Cable. Cope stated that Dr. Callaway helped with the acquisition of funds. David would like to have an industrial/utility support day to thank the utilities for their support of the airport.

Cope Lawrence made a motion to adjourn with a second by Hunter Smith.

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Suzanne Johnson Treasurer/Secretary