



MEETING MINUTES January 28, 2021

Members: Cope Lawrence Suzanne Johnson Melma Gillis
 Hunter Smith (via conference call)

Attendees: Matt Thomason David Padgett Steve Minor
 Von Memory Sean Gallagher (via conference call)

Vice Chairman Cope Lawrence presided over the Franklin Field Airport Authority meeting. Chairman Lawrence began with the review and adoption of the agenda. Suzanne Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda with a second by Melma Gillis. Vice Chairman Lawrence presented the minutes and any discussion from the Board. Von Memory informed the Board to give proper notice of the meeting in the future. Counselor Memory stated that no formal decisions should be decided at this meeting due to the short notice. Vice Chairman Cope stated that there is a standing rule for the airport board meetings and the Board will improve on its notice to the public. Von pointed out that an item on the agenda requiring a decision should be performed in a formal meeting setting. Suzanne made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes with a second by Melma. Suzanne reported on the financial statements. The general fund amount was presented and little activity occurred this month. Suzanne made a motion to approved the financials with a second by Melma.

Matt Thomason from Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood (GMC) reported on the fence and runway projects. Matt pointed out that the weather delay with the fence was predictable but not urgent. The airfield is secure until site conditions improve.

The Internet upgrade status was an agenda item. The Vice Chairman stated the wifi was not working at the moment. Suzanne had tried to access internet and was unable. David confirmed it was out and will call the Internet provider to determine the problem. Cope offered to meet with the company if necessary.

The fuel sales and inventory were presented by the Vice Chairman. 3800 gallons was left, sales have gone up since the runway re-opening, and the current price is not competitive with surrounding airports. Cope suggested giving Thomas Main the authority to reduce the gas price to make it more competitive and move the existing inventory. Hunter Smith made a motion to give Thomas the ability to reduce the fuel price with a second by Suzanne.

Hunter Smith reported on the progress of the airport website. The framework of the site is in place and Hunter is adding the information as time allows.

New business reviewed by the Board included damage to the fence by two separate wrecks. Suzanne has been in contact with USAA and has the claim number and contact information. Suzanne requested suggestions from the Board on companies to contact for bids. Capital Fence, Waco, and Columbus Fence Company were suggestions. Matt will provide the contact information for the Columbus company.

Matt reported on the purchase of the Penn and Calhoun property. Mr Thomason stated that the FAA go letter for the land acquisition capped the entitlements for this year at \$150,000. The application process and environmental process can be initiated by Matt with the approval of the Board. Matt recommended the property purchases be the next step in the airport progress. Suzanne asked if the Board needed to make a motion to approve Matt to begin the environmental study. Matt stated this is actually a continuation of what was already approved in November.

David Padgett reported on behalf of the Bullock County Development Authority the continuation of pursuing the signs with a representation of the potential airport industrial park. The design of the sign would be constructed to be seen from the road in both directions. David suggested the Board consider the placement of the sign for the near future, either tall and inside the fence, or outside the fence.

Ms Johnson informed the Board that the airport was due for a cathode protection inspection. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management also included the 3 tanks at the old gas station site. Cathode protection inspection has been maintained on the AV gas tank but this was a first for the gas station site. Suzanne assumed the yearly fee by ADEM for the buried tanks

was sufficient since they were capped and not in use. Von Memory offered to contact ADEM for an extension of time and emphasized to the Board that this needed to be handled seriously. Matt stated that the FAA will not give money for remediation. ALDOT may be able to participate but FAA is prohibited from remediation. Von asked Matt if delineation was possible. Matt offered to talk to the GMC environmental staff since they they are performing this work in Wetumpka and have had experience at another airport in Alabama with tank removal and remediation. There are two options for underground tanks, removal or abandon in place with guidance from ADEM. Cope suggested something had to have been done to the tanks years ago before the County purchased the property. Matt stated there is legal precedent for who is responsible for underground tanks , current owner or previous owner and he can inquire with the GMC environmental department on behalf of the airport.

Matt Thomason presented the Board with a new framed map in of the new runway.

Suzanne Johnson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Melma.

Suzanne Johnson Secretary/Treasurer