

MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2021

Members: Suzanne Johnson (Presiding) Melma Gillis
Hunter Smith Cope Lawrence

Attendees: Matt Thomason Von Memory Addie Smith

Suzanne Johnson Secretary/Treasurer presided over the Board meeting. Suzanne presented the agenda for approval. Hunter Smith made a motion to accept the agenda with a second by Melma Gillis. The Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda. Suzanne presented the meeting minutes for approval. Hunter inquired whether the errors he noted in the minutes draft had been corrected. Suzanne responded the minutes were corrected. Hunter made a motion to adopt the minutes with a second by Melma. The October 7 minutes were unanimously approved. The Board reviewed the financial states and Airport accountant Addie Smith reported on profit loss, fuel sales activity, project payments, fuel tank assistance check has been deposited, tenants, and operational funds. The annual appropriation from Bullock County Development Authority will be coming soon. Hunter made a motion to adopt the financial report with a second by Melma. The financials were adopted unanimously.

Matt Thomason of Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood (GMC) concerning the fence project. Extra fence inset was given at the entrance to the crop duster re-loading area to allow 18-wheelers to be safely off the highway. Some mesh has been installed and all clearing is completed. The fence company was concerned about the

removal timing of the trailer. Hunter stated the trailer is being dismantled and removal date is November 5.

Matt reported on that Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) money will start being issued in mid -November. Addie stated that a separate fuel bank account will be set up for Franklin Field. Hunter stated the fuel level is at about 1000 gallons. Suzanne asked if she should go ahead and order. Hunter suggested to combine/split the order with another load. The last purchase was in August for \$4.09. Von asked if the airport was increasing the price as costs increased. Hunter replied yes, it would be nice to be the lowest price, but we have no services to offer as income.

New business discussed and reviewed included the annual budget for operations of the airport. Suzanne presented a year to date breakdown of last years and the current year for the Board to compare expenses. Addie reminded the Board the money to Cooper Rutland in 2020 was for the courtesy car, not legal advice. Matt also reminded the Board that the mowing expense will increase with the moving of the fence area. Hunter suggested allowing lawn companies to bid on the grass and bush hogging with the upcoming new budget.

Matt reported on the ARPA grant, \$22,000 for operational expenses. Von Memory has not received information on this grant and Matt will check to make sure they have his contact information.

Matt discussed with the Board rolling over funding for next year and ALDOT. ALDOT is encouraging the airport to submit a plan for a project this coming year. They would support a new AWOS and GMC will file the pre-application to ALDOT with the understanding that the airport is not committed to the project. The airport will have until February to decide if the project should go forward. The Board agreed to allow GMC to begin work on the application for a new AWOS.

Hunter found 2 filters for the fuel pump in storage and will be ordering new lights for the runway.

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

Suzanne Johnson Secretary/Treasurer