



FRANKLIN FIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2021

Members: Suzanne Johnson, presiding Melma Gillis Hunter Smith
Cope Lawrence (by phone)

Attendees: Matt Thomason Jordan Russell Faye Gaston
Von Memory

Suzanne Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer presided over the meeting in the absence of Thomas Main Chairman. Suzanne opened the meeting with the presentation of the agenda for the Board to review. Hunter Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda with a second motion by Melma Gillis. The agenda was unanimously adopted. Suzanne presented the meeting minutes for review. Cope Lawrence, Vice Chairman made a motion to adopt the minutes with a second by Hunter. The minutes were unanimously adopted. The financial reports were reviewed by the Board. Hunter reported the \$38,000 Bullock County Development Board (BCDB) check will be deposited tomorrow. Cope made a motion to adopt the financial statements with a second by Hunter. The year to date financial statement was unanimously adopted by the Authority.

Hunter reported on the trailer bid process. Multiple bids were submitted, and the winning bid was \$10,000. The buyer has 30 days to remove the trailer from the airport property. Cope suggested the Board check the PO box for any more bids.

Jordan Russell with Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood (GMC) reported on the progress of the fencing project. The posts are up on the wet side of the runway. Clearing of the established line has begun all the way to the church. Hunter emphasized the need to get the perimeter clearing as smooth as possible.

Fuel sales was discussed. Last purchase was August 2 for 3000 gallons at \$4.09/gallon. Current sales price is \$4.26/gallon.

Matt Thomason reported on the grant status. GMC is waiting on ALDOT to issue funds. The CRRSSA (\$9000 used) and ARPA (\$22,000) fuel purchase funds are also in the ALDOT system process. ARPA has not been issued yet and can be used for maintenance and development. Timeline of arrival will be November. The same is true for the purchase of the Penn property, GMC is waiting for the funds before moving forward.

Suzanne reported on the fuel tank progress. The tank will take 24+ weeks to deliver and Fuel Solutions will not require payment until then. Suzanne passed out photos of past projects the fuel company has performed. Total cost will be \$54,000 for the 4000-gallon tank. Matt reminded the Board that any construction inside the fence requires notification to FAA. GMC will follow up with the proper paperwork to submit. Matt also reminded the Board of the process for decommission of the underground tank. Matt offered GMC's environmental division for assistance with the old tank.

Suzanne informed the Board the cost for the robot floor sweeper would be approximately \$800.

Matt reminded the Board that the pre-application process is due. Conversations on funding allocation has begun with ALDOT for the coming year. Hunter stated the Board has decided to roll over the funding for the coming year and there will be no projects. Matt stated the drop-dead date is March 2022 in case the Board came up with a project between now and then.

Cope suggested the Board work on the budget for the coming year and look at maintenance costs for grounds.

Faye Gaston asked how often the airport is used. Hunter suggested coming to the airport and just sitting to observe the traffic. You cannot see the activity by driving by because planes land, drop off passengers, and take off. Matt stated

the State will be submitting a public economic impact study that will reinforce Hunters explanation.

Hunter Smith talked with John Ferguson, Senator Tuberville's Regional Director, about Franklin Field becoming a training station candidate for Maxwell AFB. Matt stated in the next couple of years Maxwell AFB will become a training base for helicopter pilots. Von Memory also emphasized as people move out of Montgomery, rather than traveling to Dannelley Field or Prattville, Franklin Field will be the airport of the future. Hunter reported on the airport website. It is up and running with a calendar and minutes.

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

Suzanne Johnson Treasurer/Secretary