

Minutes of the Fairhope Airport Authority

March 17, 2015

The Fairhope Airport Authority met March 17, 2015 at 4:30PM in the Delchamps Suite, Room 1, in the Civic Center at 161 N Section St.

Present: Charles Zunk, Chairman; other members present: Joe McEnerney, Pam Caudill, Rod Platt and Jack Burrell. Present also was David Bagwell, attorney, and Bill Ross, Continental Motors. Cynthia A Boothe took the minutes.

The minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Rod Platt, second by Jack Burrell and unanimously carried.

Status of ground leases for corporate hangars: Charles Zunk stated that a lease agreement has been signed with Cedar Creek to build a corporate hangar and after the plans are approved by the City of Fairhope and the Airport Authority building may begin. He also stated that he has been in contact with another party who may be interested in leasing the other lot available for a hangar.

Update on “The Academy”: Charles Zunk stated that there are still a few loose ends that need to be addressed before the final sign off with the contractor but it should only be a few more weeks. He also stated that the Grand Opening ceremony for the Academy has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015. Governor Bentley and other dignitaries have been invited and there will be aircraft and displays among the activities for the day.

Update on FY2014 AIP Grant construction: Charles Zunk stated that the construction work has been completed and that the FAA and the State have completed their inspections. The Airport Authority can now move forward to apply for the next grant for the next phase of construction.

Update on PNC bond issue: Charles Zunk stated that the proceeds of the recent land sales which totaled \$457,000.00 was paid toward the principal of the loan making the remaining balance \$8,000,629.00. On March 1, 2015 the regular annual payment of \$270,000.00 was made and that will further reduce the remaining balance on next month's financials.

Resolution regarding possible alternate date for April meeting, because of Tuesday April 21st being High School Open House at the Academy (5pm-7pm): After a group discussion it was decided that the meeting in April would have a short agenda and would not interfere with the open house so no action was taken.

Discussion of June, 2015 Air Race Classic: Pam Caudill stated that the plans for the Air Race Classic are going well with many activities planned and the downtown merchants have been very supportive in promoting and donating for the various activities planned for the weekend. Her committee will also contact the Governor's office to invite him to the awards banquet and also to be a speaker. Pam then made a motion with a second by Joe McEnerney to have the Airport Authority pay up to \$1,000.00 for vertical banners in downtown Fairhope to help promote the event. After a group discussion the motion was withdrawn until more information on the cost of the banners could be presented.

Treasurer's Report: Joe McEnerney stated that the financial report is in good shape and the figures are correct.

After the agenda items were addressed Chairman Charles Zunk recognized a visitor, Andrew Orahoske of 7336 Monk Road. Mr Orahoske stated concerns over the number and height of military training flights in his neighborhood. Rod Platt and Charles Zunk recognized Mr Orahoske's concerns and explained that the Airport Authority has no control over the use of the airport for military training flights as it is a federally funded airport and then suggested procedures for reporting low flying planes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.