

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, August 20, 2015 in the NLR City Services Building, Conference Room A.

Chairman Mark Halter called the meeting to order.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended; Mark Halter, Brad Hughes, Don Blakey, Toby Burkett, Jim Julian, Mark Bentley, Adrienne Smith.

Minutes

Mr. Julian moves to approve the July minutes, Mr. Bentley seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Financial Report

Mr. Rogers says there aren't any significant changes, things are going as expected. Mr. Rogers says we'll bring in a little more than expected in rent because of two new hangars and taking over bay rentals of one of the old T hangars. Mr. Rogers says we're running a little under budget so far this year, but he's keeping an eye on things. Mr. Rogers says he'll have a 2016 budget to approve at the September meeting. Mr. Julian moves to approve the financial report, Mr. Hughes seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

UNICOM issue- Mr. Julian moves to change the frequency for UNICOM to be the same as Camp Robinson, and that we set an accomplishment date in the first half of 2016. Mr. Halter clarifies the frequency to change to as 123.075. Mr. Blakey wants to be on the record that he does not support the change, and says he worries that Camp Robinson will be monitoring that frequency but they won't be talking to NLR pilots. Major Stephen Brack from Camp Robinson is in attendance and says that is not true, that when the change happens they will definitely be communicating all CTAF calls with NLR pilots on that frequency. Mr. Julian explains why he's making the motion. He says at the public hearing he was concerned about the safety issues raised by some of the pilots, so the commission wanted some information from the FAA's perspective which Mr. Rogers provided them. He says everything he's read shows that NLR needs to be able to communicate with Camp Robinson, and be on an isolated frequency without the distraction of listening to all the surrounding airports on the same frequency. Mr. Burkett agrees with Mr. Julian and thinks that we should be able to communicate with Camp Robinson, and he doesn't want it to take an accident to make this change happen. Mr. Blakey says he's still concerned about pilots flying in to our airport that can't access that frequency. He says there isn't even as much traffic as there used to be, and that the pilots at Camp Robinson are professional pilots and should be able to handle it. He also

says we're planning on opening a restaurant, and there will be pilots that won't fly in to visit because of the frequency. Dustin Bean is from Camp Robinson and is in attendance. He says he has a private plane as well and has had a couple of close calls crossing Camp Robinson from ORK. He says they have been keeping a log since July 11, and just while they have been there to count, they have had 21 planes from NLR cross Camp at pattern altitude. Mr. Halter says he agrees with Mr. Julian and Mr. Burkett, and based on the materials he's read, he thinks this is the best option. Mr. Halter calls for a vote, Mr. Julian, Mr. Halter, Mr. Burkett, Ms. Smith, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Hughes vote for the frequency change, and Mr. Blakey votes against. The motion carries 6-1. Mr. Rogers assures everyone that he will do everything he can to make this process as safe as possible, and he'll communicate the date of change through every channel he can. Major Brack thanks the commission for taking the time to hear them out and work with them on this safety issue. He thanks everyone for their help.

New Business

None

Engineer's Report

Mr. Culver gives an update on the lighting project, and says they are close to wrapping up. They next section is 17/35. He says the next phase is phase III which we got bids in, and the low bidder was Rick McGenty. Mr. Rogers says he heard from the FAA that the grant has been approved, and he should receive the paper work in the next couple days. Mr. Culver says there will need to be a resolution accepting the grant to send in with the paperwork. He suggests going ahead and do that now, and approving the low bidder. Mr. Halter and Mr. Julian make sure the bidder is qualified and has good experience. Mr. Culver and Mr. Roberson say they have lots of airfield experience, and they have worked with them for a long time. Mr. Hughes moves to approve the low bidder, Mr. Julian seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Julian moves to authorize Chairman Halter to authorize the grant when it is received, Mr. Hughes seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Culver says they've had the preconstruction meeting with Redstone on the pavement and drainage projects, and work should start on that soon. Mr. Roberson talks about the terminal master plan, and the goal is to have plans to approve by the October meeting.

Security Report

Lt. Honeycutt was not available.

Directors Report

Mr. Rogers says he's covered everything.

Public Comment

None.

The meeting is adjourned.