The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, February 16, 2012 in Conference Room A of the City Services Building.

Chairman Mark Halter called the meeting to order.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended; Rick Ashley, Don Blakey, Matt Chandler, Mark Halter, and Brad Hughes. Toby Burkett and Jim Julian were absent.

Mr. Chandler motioned to excuse Mr. Burkett and Mr. Julian’s absences. Mr. Blakey seconded his motion. The motion passed.

A motion to amend the previous month’s minutes, to include Mr. Ashley’s excused absence was made by Mr. Burkett with Mr. Chandler’s second. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report
Usual income is larger than normally collected. Typical receipts are at 8%, whereas; to date, the reported amount is in excess of 13.5%.

A misallocated charge was recorded in contract labor. As a result, the balance sheet shows a negative balance for this entry. The balance will remain negative through 2012.

January total expenditures were approximately $20,000. The airport earned roughly $27,000.

Mr. Hughes motioned to accept the January financial report. Mr. Chandler seconded his motion. The motion passed.

DC3
Mr. Halter reviewed the decisions to modify the owner’s agreement. He reiterated that as of January 31st, the contract was unsigned and for that reason the eviction process should begin. He understood the agreement’s date to authorize the craft’s removal was by 8/15/12. Furthermore, he stipulated the craft must be deemed airworthy or removed by 8/15/12. After further discussion, Mr. Blakey motioned to except the modified agreement. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Skipper Polk expressed his concerns with moving the aircraft. Mr. Ashley requested to review the owners’ proof of insurance.

New Business
Mr. Polk reported that the lighting rehabilitation project would start next week. The runway is expected to be inoperative for a minimum of 4 weeks. After discussions, the members determined that the crews will make accommodations to let businesses in/out during the weekdays. No operations will be allowed with open trenches. Mr. Ashley voiced his concerns about leaving and/or landing. A question was posed regarding a closed runway and insurance
culpability. Mr. Polk was asked to attain guidance from the FAA. Mr. Polk remarked that he would explore multiple options.

Mr. Polk informed the Members that the beacon cannot be sold to El Dorado’s airport, since the beacon was purchased and maintained with FAA funds. He was told that he may give that airport the beacon. A motion to approve giving the beacon to El Dorado’s airport was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Blakey requested permission from the Commission to build a 16x81 balcony onto his hanger. His balcony will be 10 feet off of the ground. He offered to pay a rental fee for this spot. Mr. Chandler inquired if any other tenants with decks pay rental on their decks. Mr. Polk replied that other tenants do not pay for those spaces. He voiced his opposition for charging for this area. Mr. Halter determined that the Commission, at this time would not charge for decking spaces. However, it is at the Commission’s discretion to revisit this topic and potentially charge no more than current lease rates for the decking areas. Mr. Chandler concurred.

Mr. Blakey motioned to enter into a retreat and accept a $150,000 grant for lighting. The State will furnish $95,000 along with the City’s $9,500 match. Mr. Ashley seconded his motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Polk reported that Lee Townsend is no longer employed at the airport. He expressed his contempt for working with CWR. He described a leaking roof and a defective heat pump in the main building of Barrett’s Hanger. Mr. Polk is withholding $30,000 from CWR.

9 coyotes, 1 bobcat and 1 possum have been captured.

The lawsuit involving River City Aviation (Van Cleves) is at the Court of Appeals.

Presley Melton informed the Commission that the meeting minutes available on the website are published in Word. To prevent document manipulation, the file should be available as a PDF.

Mr. Ashley motioned to adjourn the meetings. Mr. Chandler seconded the motion. The motion passed.