

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, June 15th, 2017 in the NLR Airport Flight Planning Center.

Chairman Mark Halter called the meeting to order.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended; Mark Halter Toby Burkett, Don Blakey, Brad Hughes. Mr. Blakey moves to excuse the absence of Adrienne Smith, Mark Bentley, Jim Julian. Mr. Burkett seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Hughes moves to approve the minutes from the May meeting, Mr. Burkett seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Rogers goes through the finances, and says things are in good shape. Rent is coming in as it should, fuel sales are still up compared to last year. Mr. Rogers says we're over budget in the maintenance of building in grounds because of a few larger projects that weren't anticipated. Mr. Hughes moves to approve the financial statement, Mr. Burkett seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **Old Business**

CIP development update- Mr. Rogers says he just got back from Ft. Worth meeting with our FAA program manager to discuss the CIP update. He says the meeting went well, and the FAA understands the need for ramp development, and supports the project. It will take a couple of years to bank the money needed to get the project started, and get the ramp built in 2020. Mr. Roberson from Garver goes over the three bidders to the runway cleaning project. Mr. Rogers says the lowest bidder had some issues with the DBE requirements, and Garver will try to see if they can make the necessary changes. Mr. Rogers says to keep the ball moving, once we have a contractor selected, we should have a special call meeting to approve the bid so we can get the grant application turned in quicker. Mr. Hughes moves to approve the CIP, Mr. Blakey seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

### **New Business**

Airport owned Hangar Maintenance responsibilities- Mr. Halter would like to table this discussion until Mark Bentley and Jim Julian can be at the meeting since it deals with lease info and legal language. He believes their input is important.

Richard Gulley Hangar- Mr. Rogers says Mr. Gulley has one of the blue hangars by the main entrance to the airport. He would like to build an expansion to the back side of his hangar. The old action plan of the airport has a potential project that moves the main

entry road to the north, which would be right behind the row of hangars Mr. Gulley is on. Mr. Rogers says that road change has been on the action plan to make room for a new T Hangar, but he says paying to move the whole road to make room for one hangar isn't very cost effective. Mr. Rogers says there is room available behind his hangar to do the expansion, but not if that road move happens. Mr. Rogers thinks we should scrap the plan to move the access road, and let Mr. Gulley expand his hangar. Mr. Halter asks if the road move was necessary for the parking lot improvement plan, and Mr. Roberson says no the road move is not necessary. Mr. Hughes says before making any decision he'd like to see drawings of what the expansion will look like. Mr. Rogers says he wanted to make sure the commission is okay with the concept of expansion and scrapping the plan to move the entry road before moving forward with getting drawings and cost estimates. Mr. Blakey says we worked with Rog Rogers when he extended his hangar, and we should be able to come up with a good plan for Mr. Gulley. Mr. Burkett agrees. The commission tells Mr. Gulley to come back with drawings, cost estimates, and a specific plan to discuss for approval.

### **Engineer's Report**

Blake Roberson says everything for him has already been covered.

### **Directors Report**

Mr. Rogers says there was a close call on a deer strike on runway 5/23 last week. That is a big concern he says. Mr. Rogers says a big reason deer cross that runway is because of all the thick brush running along the creek that winds through the north part of the airport. It's too thick and stays too wet for us to get to with the bush hog, and we aren't able to mow there and keep it as short as the rest of the airport. Mr. Rogers says his maintenance worker sees deer laying in the heavy brush frequently, and signs of deer bedding down all over that area. Mr. Rogers says he thinks if all of that can be cleared and be kept as short as the grass around it, deer would have nowhere to lay down and hide. Mr. Rogers says he talked to the director of the street department about what that would take to do it, and he said it was too much for the street department to do. Mr. Rogers talked to an excavator who gave a rough estimate of around \$10,000 to clear the area. Mr. Rogers says we've spent more this year than usual, and this is a big expense but it needs to happen. Mr. Rogers will have to get together at least 3 estimates for a project that big. Mr. Blakey says it's a safety issue and we should get it done.

Attorney Marie Miller is in attendance and gives a quick update on the upcoming court case with Nick Franke. That court date is next week.

## **Public Comment**

Marvin Homesly is in attendance and asks if there's anyway airport tenants could access the terminal building's wifi. Mr. Rogers says he's working the electric department who manages our internet now, and he's working on a plan to allow others to use or buy broadband access to the wifi.

Charles Caldwell is in attendance and suggests an organized deer hunt to eliminate the deer.

Mr. Burkett moves to adjourn, Mr. Blakey seconds.

The meeting is adjourned.