The North Little Rock Airport Special Call Commission Meeting was held at Noon on Thursday, March 14th, 2013 in the NLR City Services Conference room A.

Chairman Mark Halter called the meeting to order.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended: Mark Halter, Matt Chandler, Jim Julian, Don Blakey, Rick Ashley, and Brad Hughes. Mr. Julian moves to approve the absence of Toby Burkett, Mr. Chandler seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

The special meeting is to discuss the lighting project.

Mr. Rogers says he went to the department of aeronautics meeting the day before, and Brad Hughes and Toby Burkett were in attendance as well. Mr. Rogers thanks them for their support. Mr. Rogers says we were approved for a $100,000 grant to cover the costs of the lighting project. Mr. Rogers it went relatively smoothly. Mr. Rogers says we have enough in our budget to pay for the rest. Mr. Julian says he thinks it was beneficial to have a board member go with Mr. Rogers to meet with John Knight, not because he doesn’t trust Mr. Rogers, but that it shows support from the commission, and that goes a long way. Mr. Julian asks if we are proposing to do the project without the taxi lights. Mr. Roberson says yes. Mr. Rogers says we hope that the rock excavation costs less, and that the FAA will give us money to cover project overages at the end of the project. Mr. Blakey says his concern is with the taxi way lights. Mr. Rogers says he’s hoping to be able to work those in, but if not, we’ll have to wait for next year for that. Mr. Rogers still hopes we can change order in the taxi way lights into this project. Mr. Hughes asks if we have a place to store the taxi way lights we have on our property until we have the money to install them. Mr. Rogers says we can keep them in the old vault if we need to. Mr. Ashley asks if we have the new lights insured. Mr. Rogers says no, but he will look into it to see if we are able to insure runway lights. Mr. Julian says we need to make sure we prequalify future contractors to make sure we don’t get into another situation like we were with Lubin. Mr. Blakey says we looked to Garver to approve Lubin and now we’re having to pay for it financially, and asks if Garver should be responsible for some of that. Mr. Roberson says they checked into Lubin with the original bid, and they cleared the initial background check. He was licensed, and had projects going in Arkansas, and they passed the background check. He says with federal money, we’re obligated to take the low bid unless something specifically disqualifies them. They didn’t have any red flags at the time. Mr. Julian moves to accept the state grant, Mr. Ashley seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Julian moves to accept the low bidder on schedule 2, which was F&W contractors at $590,107, Mr. Chandler seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Blakey moves to adjourn. Mr. Chandler seconds. The vote carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.