

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at 12:00 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2022 in the City Council Chambers in NLR City Hall.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended: Adirenne Smith, Brad Hughes, Mark Bentley, Will Gruber, Tim Cummins. Jake House and Todd Adams informed Mr. Rogers they would be absent.

Also Present: Clay Rogers, Marie Miller- City Attorney's Office, Jordan Culver- Garver

### **Minutes**

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

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Rogers goes through the September budget statement. Mr. Bentley moves to approve, Mr. Gruber seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Expansion Project Update- Mr. Rogers gives an update on the expansion project.

2022 Airshow- Mr. Rogers updates the commission on plans for the air show.

### **New Business**

North Little Rock Air FBO and Lease- Mr. Rogers introduces Thad Dippolito who is conferencing in via phone. Mr. Rogers talks about Thad and his qualifications. He asks Thad to discuss his plans for a fuel truck. Mr. Dippolito bought the existing truck from the Barrett Aviation estate sale for a short term option, but talks about his plan for an updated fuel truck. Mr. Hughes asks Attorney Marie Miller if we need two motions, one to accept NLR Air as the FBO operator and a separate motion on the lease. Mr. Cummins makes the motion to accept NLR Air as the new FBO operator based on their submittal to the RFP. Mr. Bentley seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Rogers says he thinks the lease the airport had with Barrett Aviation as the foundation of the lease with a few changes. Mr. Rogers says he's sent the Barrett lease to the commissioners so they have an idea of what that lease entails, and he has gotten some notes from Commissioner Bentley that Mr. Rogers says are good notes that provide clarification and cleaned up language. There is general discussion on the lease and the process of negotiating the terms and getting it in place

for commission approval. Mr. Rogers talks about what he would be comfortable with on the length of the lease. Mr. Rogers says he initially discussed a five year lease but Mr. Dippolito is requesting five years plus a five year option based on the amount of money he is spending on the front end on a truck and equipment and costs of getting the business going. Mr. Rogers says he is comfortable with that. Mr. Gruber makes a motion to allow Mr. Rogers and Chairman Hughes to negotiate further with NLR Air to develop a lease to present to the commission; Mr. Cummins seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Anderson Air Corps LLC Lease Assignment- Mr. Rogers tells the commission that a hangar is being sold from Michael Lashbrook to Matt Anderson, and the lease would need to be assigned. Mr. Rogers talks about the existing lease and that it ends early 2023 and it does not have a reversion clause in that lease and that he is wanting to sign the 15 year lease once this lease ends next year to make it worth it. Mr. Rogers says he sees no reason why we wouldn't want to sign that 15 year lease with him at that time. Mr. Gruber moves to approve the assignment; Mr. Cummins seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **Engineer's Report**

None.

#### **Directors Report**

Mr. Rogers updates the commission on conversations he's having with Mayor Hartwick on a solar farm installed at the airport. He says is still preliminary but shows the commission the location of where it would be.

#### **Public Comment**

None

Mr. Bentley moves to adjourn, Mr. Cummins seconds.

The meeting is adjourned.