

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, March 17, 2022 in NLR City Hall, City Council Chambers.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended: Will Gruber, Brad Hughes, by phone was Jake House and Tim Cummins. Mark Bentley, Todd Adams, and Adrienne Smith were absent. Also Present: Clay Rogers, Marie Miller- City Attorney's Office, Jordan Culver- Garver

Minutes

Mr. House moves to approve the February minutes, Mr. Gruber seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

Financial Report

Mr. Rogers goes through the February budget statement. He says there is nothing that stands out to him. Mr. Rogers goes over the payment and accounting process for the air show. Mr. Gruber moves to accept the budget statement, Mr. Cummins seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

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

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

Williams Property Lease- Mr. Rogers reminds the commission on the ongoing lease discussion, and the new hangars Williams Property would like to build. Bill Canino who is acting as a consultant for Williams Property speaks on the issue. Mr. Canino says he would like to decouple the two issues, the current lease that needs renewal, and the new hangars Williams Property would like to build. Mr. Canino would like the airport to use the AIP grant money to build a new apron space, and he'd like a lease to build three new hangars. Mr. Rogers says he needs to inform the commission on what the new BIL grant funds available to the airport is in terms of funding and for how long and what it would allow the airport to do in terms of building its own hangars. Mr. Rogers shows the commission options of where the airport could develop apron space and what size hangar the airport could build. There is general discussion of the options. Mr. Canino says he has concerns about the airport building its own hangars that he would have to compete against for customers. He says he's concerned that the airport can build a hangar with grant money and charge a low rate and still be profitable where as a private developer isn't able to do that. Mr. Canino says he supports the airport building its own hangar, he just doesn't want there to be unfair competition where the airport sets the rent unfairly low because they have the ability to use grant funds to build the hangar. He says he thinks the airport should base their rent on the total cost involved, not just the out of pocket costs, but the overall cost of developing and building the hangar and infrastructure like a private developer would have to. Mr. Hughes says he has no intention of undercutting private hangar owners, but that the commission has to do what is in the

best interest of the airport. Mr. Cummins says that's a conversation for another day, but that he understands Mr. Canino's point. Mr. Rogers brings the discussion back to what to do about 2022 AIP grant funds which has to be decided today. Mr. Rogers says the options are using grant money to build taxiways off of the east ramp that Williams Property would build 3 t hangars and asphalt connecting to the taxiway, or to shift that grant money to another project option which is to make repairs to perimeter fencing and gates which are needed. Mr. Rogers goes over the east side taxiway project plan as has been discussed the last few meetings. Mr. Rogers says what is needed is a motion from a commissioner to move forward with the taxiway project, or to make a motion to move forward on the fence and gate project. Jordan Culver goes over what all the fence and gate project would cover. Mr. Gruber makes a motion to pursue a grant for the gate and fence repair design with the 2022 AIP funds, Mr. Cummins seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Rogers says he'll keep the commission posted on that project.

New Business

BIL Grant- Mr. Rogers says this information has been covered during the previous discussion.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Culver says the contractors are working on a schedule for the runway 17/35 rehab project, expected to begin sometime in April.

Directors Report

None

Public Comment

None

Mr. Gruber moves to adjourn, Mr. House seconds.

The meeting is adjourned.