

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, August 19, 2021 in the City Council Chambers room in City Hall.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended: Will Gruber, Brad Hughes, John Owens, Todd Adams. Mr. Gruber moves to excuse the absence of Mark Bentley, Tim Cummins, and Adrienne Smith. Mr. Owens seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Also Present: Clay Rogers, Amy Fields- City Attorney's Office, Jordan Culver- Garver

Minutes

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

Financial Report

Mr. Rogers goes over the August Budget statement. He says nothing stands out to him as an issue, but goes over various revenues and expenses. Mr. Adams move to approve the finances, Mr. Owens seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

Terminal Expansion- Mr. Rogers updates the commission on where the project stands. Mr. Rogers said with airport specific covid related grant funds, and some reimbursement from the city for some projects we did at the airport, we have some more money to put towards the expansion project for some of the improvements that we'd like to see. Mr. Rogers goes over the changes proposed and the cost of those changes. Mr. Rogers says these changes have been approved by the Mayor and finance director, and he thinks we need an approval from the commission for the change order for those specific changes. Mr. Gruber moves to approve the recommended changes, Mr. Adams seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Rogers also updates the commission that CAW will not have to build a pump station at the airport, that the water department has found a way to boost the flow from existing pump stations in the area.

Sid Richmond Hangar- Mr. Rogers goes over the lot where Mr. Richmond has been approved to build his hangar. He says Mr. Richmond is requesting a change to the layout of his hangar, so that he can build a wider hangar than the lot allows. He would like to rotate where the hangar door will be so the hangar opens out on the concrete ramp so that he can build it wider towards the north. Mr. Rogers says Mr. Richmond would need to build a run up ramp into the hangar, which would need to take up 20 feet of apron space to make that grade to where he can get the plane in and out. Mr. Rogers says based on his research that doing that would be allowable. He says there might be a small cost from the FAA for cutting into FAA funded apron space, but based on when the apron was built, there would either not be a cost, or if there is, it would be relatively

small, and that Mr. Richmond is aware of that. Mr. Rogers says he is comfortable with this. Mr. Adams moves to approve this request, Mr. Gruber seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Caron Canino Lease- Mr. Rogers says he would like to hold off on this discussion until September, that he still needs some time to discuss options with Mrs. Canino. Mr. Rogers says one of her tenants, Bill Canino of Sport Air is at the meeting and would like to discuss his company's operations and what they do and what a significant rental hike would mean. Bill Canino talks about Sport Air and their operations, and his need to expand. He talks about the number of customers he brings to NLR for multiple days that stay in NLR hotels and eat at NLR restaurants. There is general discussion on economic activity of airport, and that of surrounding airports.

New Business

Diamond Aviation Lease- Mr. Rogers says Don Adamson with Diamond Aviation has a lease ending in the hangar he leases from the airport and would like to sign a new 5 year lease. Mr. Rogers says he has no reason why we shouldn't renew. Mr. Owens moves to approve a new 5 year lease, Mr. Gruber seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Culver talks about the grant approved for the Runway 17/35 crack seal and remarking job. He says the grant was approved by the Department of Aeronautics, and the bid has already been awarded so the commission needs to vote to approve the contract and work order. Mr. Adams moves to approve, Mr. Gruber seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Directors Report

Mr. Rogers lets the commission know that the mayor approached him with an idea of installing solar panels at the airport. Mr. Rogers says he's working on what that process would look like with the FAA, but he'll find out more about it and keep the commission posted.

Public Comment

None

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

The meeting is adjourned.