

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, March 18, 2021 in the NLR City Council Chambers.

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

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

Since it is January, and the previous Chairman of the commission has retired, Mr. Rogers calls for the election of officers. Mark Bentley nominates Brad Hughes for Chairman. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Hughes nominates Mark Bentley to be Vice-Chairman. The motion carries unanimously. The Chairman is now Brad Hughes, and Vice-Chairman is Mark Bentley.

## **Minutes**

Mr. Owens moves to approve the December meeting minutes, Ms. Cummins seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

## **Financial Report**

Mr. Rogers goes over two financial statements. One is for day to day finances, and the other is for the expansion project. Mr. Gruber moves to approve the February financial statement, Mr. Owens seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Rogers talks about the budget report for the expansion project. Mr. Gruber moves to approve the February Expansion project budget statement, Mr. Adams seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

## **Old Business**

Terminal Expansion- Mr. Rogers gives an update on the project. Mr. Rogers says that Taggart Architects are still finishing the design plans. Mr. Rogers says they've set a date for a groundbreaking ceremony and he lets the commission know about those plans.

## **New Business**

Wifi Access- Mr. Rogers tells the commission about the issues airport users are having with getting internet access right now. The internet providers are not taking new customers in the area, so airport users aren't able to sign up for internet right now. People who already have internet are grandfathered in, but because of those companies laying fiber lines, they aren't taking new customers on the old infrastructure. Mr. Rogers says that's a problem, and people need to be able to get internet access at the airport. Mr. Rogers talks about the costs on the front end to purchase the equipment, and the yearly fees per wireless router, and the options, and asks for the commission's input on how to handle it from a policy standpoint. There is general discussion about the needs and cost of wifi. Mr. Hughes suggests surveying the airport users on how many

people want it, and what they are willing to pay for it. Mr. Owens talks about another internet option that he uses at the chamber. Mr. Rogers says he'll look into that option as well.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Culver says the AWOS project is almost ready to close out, the financial issues with the contractor have been resolved so we can close out that project. Mr. Culver hands out pictures of runway 17/35 and says it's in need of some work. He says based on our CIP discussions and plans, we have a major reconstruction of the runway in the future, but it needs some crack sealing and remarking to patch it until we can do the overhaul. Mr. Rogers goes over the CIP process, and how we plan for future projects. Mr. Gruber makes a motion to move forward with applying for a state grant for the Runway 17/35 crack seal and remarking project, Mr. Owens seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **Directors Report**

Mr. Rogers says he has nothing further.

### **Public Comment**

None

Mr. Adams moves to adjourn, Ms. Smith seconds.

The meeting is adjourned.