

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, August 27, 2020 in the NLR City Council Chambers, with two commissioners calling in over the phone. Chairman Jim Julian was in person attendance.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended: Mark Bentley, Jim Julian, Brad Hughes, Don Blakey, Will Gruber attended by phone; Mr. Hughes moves to approve the absence of Adrienne Smith, Mr. Bentley seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

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

Minutes

Mr. Hughes moves to approve the July meeting minutes, Ms. Bentley seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

Financial Report

Mr. Rogers goes over the financial reports for July. He says the finances are in good shape, and things are coming in as expected. He says fuel sales are still down a little, but that it's bouncing back. Mr. Blakey moves to approve the financial statement, Ms. Hughes seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

AWOS update- Mr. Rogers lets the commission know that the AWOS is operational and working well. He has gotten good feedback from airport users. Mr. Blakey suggests adding a recorded message warning pilots of deer in the area.

Deer Maintenance- Mr. Rogers updates the commission on wildlife maintenance efforts. Mr. Rogers says there is a complication in the finance department with paying Wes Honeycutt for wildlife maintenance now that he has retired from the police department. Mr. Rogers says he is working to resolve the issue, and that he believes it's important to be able to keep Mr. Honeycutt. Mr. Julian asks if a resolution of support from the commission would help, Mr. Rogers says it couldn't hurt. Mr. Bentley makes a motion for a resolution showing support from the commission to keep Mr. Honeycutt as a contract employee to handle wildlife management, Mr. Blakey seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Terminal Expansion- Mr. Rogers says the architects are still at work, but there isn't any major progress to update.

EAA Donation Request- Mr. Julian reminds the commission that Jerry Homsley on behalf of the EAA requested a donation from the airport to their organization to make some improvements to their hangar. Mr. Homsley talks about the good work that the EAA does for aviation in general and the airport specifically. Mr. Homsley talks about the repairs needed to his hangar. There are some questions from commissioners about the lease. There is general discussion on the request

and if any other donations like this have been made. Marie Miller has called in for the meeting via phone conference, Mr. Julian asks Ms. Miller her thoughts on legal issues. Ms. Miller says the airport can't give a donation to a non-profit without the organization providing some type of service. Ms. Miller says she has a couple of examples of contracts the city has with other non-profit groups that she could provide to show what that arrangement looks like. Ms. Miller says a rent abatement or something along those lines is a legal option as well. She says she can discuss those agreements with Mr. Rogers and provide a more formal opinion on this specific request at the September meeting. Mr. Julian says the services provided is an important part of this consideration, and that Mr. Homsley should provide a list of services that they intend to provide over the coming years, and not just a list of services they have already done. Mr. Julian says the commission can make a final decision in September.

New Business

Repairs needed around the airport- Mr. Rogers goes over 3 different areas of the airport that need to be fixed. The water gate on Maryland, a spot on the perimeter road, and an entry road on the north Remount entry way. He goes over the repairs needed and the estimated cost to each. Mr. Rogers says the water gate definitely needs to be fixed soon, but he's waiting on another quote that is hopefully cheaper. He says he'll come back with a better estimate on the perimeter road damage work needed to, but that it needs major drainage work and that will be costly.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Culver says he's covered everything.

Directors Report

None

Public Comment

None

Mr. Bentely moves to adjourn, Mr. Hughes seconds.

The meeting is adjourned.