

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the NLR City Services building, planning department conference room.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended: Mark Bentley, Brad Hughes, Jim Julian, Don Blakey, Will Gruber. Adrienne Smith is not able to attend. Mr. Blakey moves to approve her absence, Mr. Hughes seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

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

Minutes

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

Financial Report

Mr. Rogers goes over the end of 2019 budget statement, and the January 2020 statement. Mr. Hughes moves to approve the financial statement from December 2019, Mr. Bentley seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Hughes moves to approve the January 2020 financial statement, Mr. Bentley seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

Deer Maintenance- Mr. Rogers updates the commission on wildlife maintenance efforts.

Expansion Project- Mr. Rogers updates the commission on the expansion project concept, and what the current design plan is. He says he's still working with the Mayor on funding sources.

AWOS update- Mr. Rogers updates the commission on the grant project. Mr. Rogers says the contractor has the materials in, so the project should be able to get started in the next couple of weeks.

Lease request from EAA- Mr. Rogers reminds the commission that the EAA is requesting a lease reduction due to their non-profit status and for the good work the EAA does around the airport and aviation in general. Mr. Rogers says the EAA hangar is near the area where the new development will happen, so he has been talking with Jerry Homsley of the EAA on relocation options as a part of the discussion. Jerry Homsley talks about the EAA's desire to build a bigger hangar if they do need to be relocated. Marie Miller talks about the legal issues surrounding the concept of lowering the EAA rent because of its non-profit status. Ms. Miller says that entity would have to articulate to the city why they should receive special consideration, and what services they provide, and to whom. Mr. Rogers says he will continue working with them on various options and report back to the commission.

Request Letter from Nick Franke: Mr. Julian goes over the letter from Mr. Franke's attorney requesting readmittance, and goes over what the terms of the banishment was. Ms. Miller goes over the banishment and what behavior caused it, and that the judge who heard the appeal affirmed the legal authority of the banishment. Mr. Julian says he has thought about it and he is not inclined to amend the banishment. Mr. Julian opens the floor to a motion to allow Mr. Franke back on airport property. No motion is made, thus resolving that issue.

New Business

None.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Culver informs the commission that the AR Department of Aeronautics had a good month of income in January.

Directors Report

Mr. Rogers talks about Bob Martin, the long time airport worker who passed away in January. He will be missed.

Public Comment

Presley Melton wants to say something about Bob Martin, and that he only recently found out that Bob was an accomplished artist, and that he will be missed.

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

The meeting is adjourned.