

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the NLR Planning Department Conference Room.

Chairman Mark Halter called the meeting to order.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended: Mark Halter, Mark Bentley, Brad Hughes, Roger Marlin, Don Blakey, Jim Julian; Adrienne Smith showed up after roll call.

Also Present: Clay Rogers, Blake Roberson and Jordan Culver-Garver, Daniel McFadden-City Attorney's Office

Minutes

Mr. Julian moves to approve the August minutes, Mr. Hughes seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Financial Report

Mr. Rogers says the finances are where they should be at this point in the year. Mr. Rogers says income is where it needs to be, and rent is coming in as expected. Mr. Rogers expects to carry over money to the fund balance at the end of the year. Mr. Hughes moves to approve the financial statement, Mr. Julian seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

East Side Hangar Development- Mr. Rogers talks about proposed minimum standards for hangars being constructed on the new apron. He talks about suggestions of minimum hangar size, leasing the entire plot of 60x65, and hangar/roof color. Mr. Halter would like Mr. Rogers to bring in a document detailing these minimum standards to be voted on.

2019 Budget- Mr. Rogers goes over his proposed 2019 budget and some of the differences from the year before. There is general discussion on the budget and proposed projects. Mr. Blakey motions to approve the 2019 budget, Mr. Bentley seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Electrical work needed- Mr. Rogers goes over electrical problems in the oldest T hangars we own. He says he's gotten two estimates that are between \$8000 and \$20,000. Mr. Rogers says the lowest estimate is from Cary Pruss electric, and the Van Pelt's had that estimate done when they still had the hangars. Mr. Rogers the estimates vary so much because he isn't sure the exact condition of every hangar, and the highest estimate is worst case scenario. Mr. Halter says it might be a year or more before we could take them down to replace them. Mr. Julian thinks it would be good to go ahead and do the work to let those hangars be functional until we can figure out what to do with them and how. Mr. Julian motions to authorize Mr. Rogers to do the electrical work needed, Mr. Hughes seconds. Julian, Hughes, Blakey, Halter, Smith vote to approve. Mr. Marlin abstains; Mr. Bentley left the meeting early and was not present for vote. The motion carries.

New Business

Economic Development- Mr. Rogers talks about efforts he's been making to get economic development on the radar of the city and projects that we need help with. He talks about new facilities and restaurant project, new hangars, and taking down old T hangars for new hangars, and land available for lease for commercial use. Mr. Marlin talks about the need to get city officials to have a better understanding of the value of the airport. Mr. Rogers says he is working on getting Department of Aeronautics Director Jerry Chism to come speak to city council about the value of NLR Airport, and its economic impact. Mr. Rogers talks about ways to move forward with getting the city involved.

Deer Maintenance- Mr. Rogers tells the commission he is meeting with a representative from the Arkansas Bow Hunters Association to discuss options on getting help with deer hunting at the airport. After that meeting, he and Lt. Honeycutt will discuss options with Ark Game and Fish. Mr. Rogers will report back on those discussions.

Engineer's Report

Jordan Culver says they're moving forward with design on the east side apron and putting the bid package together with a goal of getting the grant application in by the end of October. He says Clark Power is looking to get started on the new lighted wind cone in the next few weeks. He says they're working on the Catex for the AWOS project, and the deadline for the supplemental \$1B in funds from the FAA is the end of October, and the goal is to apply for the AWOS from those funds first. If that isn't approved, we can apply for the grant from our normal NPE grant money for 2019.

Directors Report

Mr. Rogers says he's working with Mr. Culver at Garver and the city engineer and street department director on cleaning out the wetlands, and getting the necessary permits.

Public Comment

Tommy Murchison speaks to the commission saying his lease is coming up next year, and he is operating under substandard facilities. He's having to turn down new business because he's out of room, and he's hearing about the lack of good facilities from his existing customers. He would really like the commission to make a push to the city to get some new facilities at the airport.

Mr. Julian moves to adjourn, Mr. Marlin seconds.

The meeting is adjourned.