

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, February 21, 2013 in the NLR City Services Building, Conference room A.

Chairman Mark Halter called the meeting to order.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended; Toby Burkett, Matt Chandler, Jim Julian, Mark Halter. Mr. Chandler moves to excuse the absence of Rick Ashley, Brad Hughes, and Don Blakey. Mr. Julian seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Minutes

Mr. Chandler moves to accept the January 17 minutes as presented. Mr. Julian seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Julian moves to approve the minutes from the February Special called meeting. Mr. Chandler seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

Financial Report

Mr. Rogers shows the financial report ending January 31st. Mr. Rogers says we're already over budget in insurance for hangars, and for vehicle insurance. Mr. Rogers says the insurance for buildings went up because the airport acquired a few hangars, and he didn't know how much more that would cost. Mr. Halter asks Mr. Rogers to make sure all hangars we own are on our insurance policy. Mr. Rogers says they are. Mr. Chandler moves to accept, Mr. Julian seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

Lighting Project Update: Mr. Rogers announces Brad Kutchins is on the speaker phone. Blake Roberson hands out a breakdown of how much the project costs, and how much money we have from the FAA and state aeronautics department. Mr. Rogers says that he, Mr. Julian, and Mr. Roberson met with John Knight at the ADA to talk about our funding shortage to find out if we can get another state grant. Mr. Rogers says that Mr. Knight said getting \$200,000 is not realistic, but we were able to whittle the amount down, and all we need is \$100,000. Mr. Knight seemed more receptive to that. Mr. Rogers says we are submitting an application for the March ADA meeting to request the grant. Mr. Kutchins says there is still a chance that the FAA will give us money to cover the overages at the end of the project, and if that happens we can come back and change order in the taxi way lights. Mr. Rogers says the ADA meeting is March 13th.

New Business

The commission goes into executive session. After the executive session, Mr. Halter announces that they discussed taking the interim tag off of Mr. Rogers' title and making him the full time director, and a salary increase to \$51,000. Mr. Burkett moves to approve, Mr. Chandler seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Rogers thanks the commission for their confidence.

Donnie Barnhart Lease: Mr. Rogers says Donnie Barnhart is in attendance. Mr. Rogers recaps for the commissioners that Mr. Barnhart has cleared some land to build a new hangar on Mr. Rogers approval, and the commission has approved a lease for Mr. Barnhart. Mr. Barnhart is asking the commission for concessions on his rent to cover some of the costs of excavation and construction of a ramp for his hangar. Mr. Chandler says he wants to clarify a statement he made at the January meeting where the commission agreed to let him clear that land, and we'd talk about concessions after, but that the commission agreed to allow him to go ahead and clear the land. Mr. Chandler wants to be clear that the commission did agree to let him clear the land, and that Mr. Barnhart didn't clear the land without permission. Mr. Roberson shows a plan he had drawn up showing Mr. Barnharts hangar at 100x80, and then three more possible hangars at the same size that can fit north of Mr. Barhnarts lot. Mr. Roberson shows that it is possible to fit more hangars in north of Mr. Barnhart's lot. Mr. Barnhart talks about the excavation work he did, and what the grounds look like now. Mr. Chandler says we need to figure out if we give a concession, what it is for, and if it is specific to this situation because we will be setting a precedent. Mr. Chandler asks if there was any excavation work done that benefits the airport, and how much. Mr. Roberson says if the airport had wanted to develop that land, they would have had to clear the land, and build the taxi way. Mr. Julian says it seems like there is still significant dirt work that would need to be done, and he's not sure it would be economically feasible to build on those lots if you have to move that much dirt. Mr. Barnhart says he cut down the dirt on those lots way down to use for his lot, and so the elevation is a lot lower now. Mr. Barnhart says he cut down between 8-12 feet of dirt north of his lot. Mr. Julian wants everyone to consider that Presley Melton told us at the January meeting that he attempted to do something similar when he built his hangar and taxi way, and the commission did not give him concessions. Mr. Julian says he brings it up because he wants the commission to be consistent in their decision making, and not make different decisions for similar circumstances. Mr. Chandler says they didn't give Presley Melton financial concessions but they did give him an easement so nobody can be in front of him. Mr. Rogers says it seems to him the circumstances are a little different in that Presley Melton wanted to keep the airport from being able to use his taxiway, where as Mr. Barnhart is wanting to use his taxiway to open up future development north of his hangar. Mr. Chandler asks how long ago Mr. Melton's lease was signed, and Mr. Julian says probably 10 years ago; before he was on the commission. Mr. Burkett says it was a different commission at that point, so he isn't sure the commission has to do what a different commission did 10 years ago. Mr. Halter asks Mr. Barnhart what he is asking for. Mr. Barnhart says he's just asking for anything the commission thinks is fair, he appreciates the commission hearing his request. Mr. Chandler suggests that he, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Roberson, and Mr. Barnhart sit down and try to come up with a fair proposal rather than just discussing in the abstract. Then we'll come to the March meeting with a specific proposal. Mr. Halter agrees.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Roberson says he's covered his information in the lighting project discussion and lease discussion.

Security Report

Sgt. Honeycutt says there was a cyber email scam that went out with someone claiming to be from the NLR Airport. He says he filed a report. He also said he's keeping his eye on the beaver dams.

Directors Report

Mr. Rogers says he is working on organizing a fly-in in late spring or early summer.

Public Comment

None.

Mr. Chandler moves to adjourn. Mr. Julian seconds. The vote carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.