

WICOMICO COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION

APRIL 9, 2018

Present: Matthew E. Creamer, Vice Chairman; James Brooke; Gerard DiCairano; Calvin Peacock
Staff: Dawn Veatch; James Harris; Jacqueline Benton-Ware; Denise Shellaby; Ray Veatch
Other: David Goslee, Ex-Officio Member; David Ryan, Ex-Officio Member; Patrick Nelms, Bay Land Aviation

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the absence of a quorum, the meeting was unofficial and no actions were taken. Vice Chairman Creamer called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

MINUTES

The March 12, 2018 minutes were approved.

SPEED DATING CONFERENCE

Mrs. Veatch recently attended the Volaire Aviation conference in Myrtle Beach. She met with various airlines and had three positive outcomes. On May 2, she will meet with United Airlines to discuss Salisbury to Dulles or New York service. She also met with Contour Airlines. They fly 30 seat Embraer 145 shuttles to Baltimore and Atlanta. Contour is a Fixed Based Operator that is also a public charter service. They do not have code share agreements with other airlines. Mrs. Veatch also met with Elite Airlines, which operates point to point 737 service to Florida.

UPDATES

There is no update to report with regards to the solar energy project. Neither the \$750,000 Small Community Air Service Grant nor the unmanned aircraft program have been awarded. The Purchasing Department is still working on the Request for Proposals for the engineering agreement, the fixed based operator, hangar painting, and the box/T-Hangar construction.

WINGS AND WHEELS

Mr. Peacock stated more volunteers are needed for Wings and Wheels. Approximately 50-60 volunteers have signed up from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and the Salisbury and Easton Civil Air Patrols. Mr. Veatch advised the military is bringing in A-10s, and he is working on getting a C-130, a T-6, an Osprey, an F-18 Hornet, a Coast Guard helicopter, and a Black Hawk helicopter. All airport managers in the surrounding 5 states have been mailed flyers promoting the Fly In. The Baltimore Flight Standards District Office will conduct a Federal Aviation Administration Fast Team safety seminar. Both the Naval Academy and Delmarva Jump Teams will perform. Piedmont has not yet committed to the Regional Jet tours. There will be 25 vendors, 7 food trucks, an ice cream truck, a band, and a kiddie corner with face painting and balloons. Mr. Peacock added there will be tethered balloon, Cessna 172, Stearman, B-25, and helicopter rides. Mr. Brooke stated sponsors are needed for the hot air balloon. Sponsors can pay \$1,200 to have their banner placed on the basket. Hot air balloon rides are \$20, and all proceeds benefit the United Way. Delmarva Public Radio has donated time, and Mrs. Veatch will start radio interviews next week. The road signs are done, and as a sponsor, Gardner Sign will print banners. The next Wings and Wheels planning meetings are scheduled for April 23, May 7, and May 16.

ORGANIZATION DESIGN AUTHORITY

Representatives from the Organization Design Authority are meeting with Mrs. Veatch on Friday. They design drones and are interested in leasing hangar space in the community hangar.

T-HANGAR REHABILITATION

The paving of the last two taxi lanes will begin in the next week or so. The contractor is confident that the paving will be complete prior to Wings and Wheels.

LANDSCAPING

Ms. Jackson and Mrs. Jennings have volunteered their youth organizations to landscape around the airport sign and terminal parking area. Airport Management will purchase the shrubs in return for the community service.

PASSENGER LOUNGE

The Salisbury Chamber of Commerce will host a "Business After Hours" meeting once the passenger lounge is open. Officials from Wings and Wheels and dignitaries that were instrumental in obtaining the Small Community Air Service Grant will be recognized at the event. Mrs. Veatch invited the Airport Commission to tour the passenger lounge once the meeting adjourned.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Goslee inquired as to the status of the concrete pads. Mrs. Veatch advised she is in the process of acquiring the abandoned Sabreliner aircraft that is parked on the airfield. Once acquired, the concrete will be sealed, shrubs planted, and the aircraft will be on static display.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Matthew E. Creamer, Vice Chairman