

WICOMICO COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION

July 9, 2018

Present: John Hall, Chairman; Matthew E. Creamer, Vice Chairman; Nola Arnold; Bud Church; Gerard DiCairano; April Jackson; Calvin Peacock

Staff: Dawn Veatch; James Harris; Denise Shellaby

Other: Patrick Nelms, Bay Land Aviation; John Levering, Mel Snyder, T-Hangar Tenants; Ken Lennox

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

MINUTES

The June 11, 2018 minutes were approved.

PAX LOUNGE

Mrs. Veatch has met with four restaurant owners. The Irish Penny did not commit, but Mrs. Veatch has one vendor who is interested in providing breakfast from 5 a.m. - 9 a.m. Mr. Hall asked Mr. Church to check into the possibility of obtaining an Ocean City restaurant operator in the off season.

AIRPORT PROJECTS

The taxiway B south rehabilitation project started today. The Wicomico County Council and County Executive approved the painting of the hangars and the paving of the corporate hangar aprons. Since the Maryland Aviation Administration did not approve the funding of the painting, the equation calculation of the corporate hangar rental increase will change. The T-hangar rent increase was based on the paving and painting amortization. Mr. DiCairano requested the dents be fixed on the T-hangars. Mr. Creamer suggested cones be placed around the ends of the hangars to reduce further damage. The County Council and the County Executive have toured the airfield and have approved to relocate corporate hangars 5 and 6 across the field. In order for the maintenance staff to work in a clean, safe environment, the hangars will be converted into a maintenance shop. Mr. Creamer noted that he would prefer the hangars be used as hangars. Mr. Peacock agreed that moving the hangars would be a good idea. In the future, if Wicomico County upgrades the maintenance facility, the taxiways should be in place. Since the Federal Aviation Administration is no longer installing STARS, Mrs. Veatch would like to substitute the \$550,000 funding for a fuel farm.

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

The Tri County Council is interested in participating in a solar parking lot. A Request for Proposal will be solicited for an automated parking attendant. Two vendors have submitted proposals for the new T/box hangar construction. Contour's executive team visited the Airport on June 19 and 20. They have submitted a Letter of Intent and are working on financing.

WEBSITE

The Airport's current website uses Word Press. Since Word Press is not user friendly and the Airport has outgrown the website, a Request for Proposal is being developed.

T-HANGAR LEASE

A revised copy of the new T-hangar lease was included in the brief book. The lease will be discussed at the next tenant meeting, which will be held Saturday, August 4. Any questions or comments can be emailed to Mrs. Jacqueline Benton-Ware @ jbentonware@wicomicocounty.org. Mrs. Veatch thanked Mr. DiCairano for his comments. Mr. DiCairano reciprocated to Mrs. Veatch for allowing the Airport Commission and the tenants an opportunity to address their issues.

FEMA

President Trump initiated an Executive Order for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, operating under Homeland Security, to require States to establish multi-purpose facilities for disaster planning. If passed in the Senate, money will be available to build a staging facility. Mrs. Veatch met with FEMA representatives and will follow up with Senator Cardin's and Van Hollen's office after the July 4 recess. Mr. Creamer commended Mrs. Veatch for her vision and fore thought on hurricane and disaster planning.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Hall reported the right of way issues on the water project are still being negotiated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Levering advised his hangar door needs new rollers. He also added that the old T-hangars that were relocated to Massey Aerodrome look great.

AIRPORT COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mr. DiCairano stated Wheels that Heal would like to host an event at the Airport in October. Mrs. Veatch advised that the car show would have be an aviation cooperative event. Mr. DiCariano will forward Mrs. Veatch the information.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 13, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

John Hall, Chairman