

Duplin County Airport Commission Meeting Minutes-April 26, 2022 @ 7:00PM

Members Present:

Jack Alphin, Joe Bryant, A.J. Connors, Roger Davis, Larry Debose, Dexter Edwards, Scotty Kennedy, Bob Quinn and Jerry Tysinger

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

George Futrelle, Assistant County Manager / Airport Director
Josh Raynor, Airport Operations Manager

Visitors/Guests Present:

Elwood Garner, Duplin County Commissioner

Agenda – April 26, 2022

1. Call to Order – Invocation - Introductions
2. Approval of March 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes *
3. Airport O&M Budget Report
4. Grant Project Updates
 - a. NCFS
 - b. Master Plan
 - c. AWOS Critical Area Clearing / Relocation
 - d. Drainage Assessment
5. Miscellaneous
 - a. Resolution Presentation for Ricky Kennedy – May 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm
 - b. Fuel Farm Tank Addition Project
 - c. Fuel Sales Report - Josh
6. Adjourn

Business Conducted as Follows:

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Quinn at approximately 7:15 pm. An invocation was given by A.J. Connors. Duplin County Commissioner, Elwood Garner was welcomed and introduced.
2. The minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved upon a motion made by A.J. Connors and seconded by Roger Davis.
3. The Airport Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Budget was reviewed and discussed and entered into the minutes as information.
4. The NCFS Project update was given. Final pay app from River Landing Builders has been received. AVCON is still in the process of compiling all as-built drawings and closeout documents required to be submitted to the NC Division of Aviation. It was reported that the NCFS team are very happy with their new home and that we've heard nothing but good things thus far about their experience here at DPL. Futrelle reminded the board that the Master Plan had been submitted to FAA and was still under their review. Futrelle reported on the AWOS project, stating that while the board had previously approved the concept of relocation at the last meeting, that project would take a considerable amount of funding and time. Therefore, in the meantime the goal is to try to get our existing AWOS windspeed and direction back on the air, even if NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) is issued labeling it as unreliable. Unreliable windspeed and direction is better than none at all. That being said, the plan is to cut the trees we own and add a 30' foot extension to the AWOS tower that will be provided and installed by the NC Division of Aviation. Hopefully this will allow for conditional approval of the AWOS and buy us more time to seek funding and continue on with relocation efforts. Futrelle reported that phase one (the report) of the Drainage Assessment Project should be completed soon and that Marty had been so busy with NCFS Hangar Project that it was put on the back burner by AVCON.
5. Under Miscellaneous; Futrelle reported that the resolution of respect for Ricky Kennedy would be presented at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 2, 2022. The meeting begins at 6pm. Josh Raynor reported on the addition of the extra jet fuel tank that we received from the NC Forest Service, saying that the tank was

delivered inadvertently before the site was ready and that Campbell Oil would pay to have the crane come back and re-position the tank once the site has been prepared since it was a miscommunication on their part. The capacity issue of fuel was discussed and Raynor was commended for keeping fuel available with such a tight window. Futrelle reported that he and Carrie Shields had met with Representative Jimmy Dixon that afternoon and that he had requested Representative Dixon support legislative funding of approximately \$2 million for a new fuel farm. Raynor reported on fuel sales, stating 3,590 avgas sold thus far in April and 17,683 for a total of 21,273 gallons.

6. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm upon a motion by Joe Bryant and a second by Dexter Edwards.