

M I N U T E S

OF THE

ROCKY MOUNT - WILSON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

CAROLINAS GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

MR. JOHNSON BISSETTE, CHAIRMAN, MR. ELDON NEWTON, VICE CHAIRMAN
MR. DAN HERRING, SECRETARY, MR. CARL WARREN, TREASURER
MR. CHARLES MULLEN, MR. JEFF LOCKHART, MR. GARRY HODGES

EX OFFICIOS PRESENT

MR. DION J. VIVENTI, CM, PE, CFII
DIRECTOR, FINANCE OFFICER

OTHERS PRESENT

MR. JASON KENNEDY, PE, W.K. DICKSON, PA
MR. PAUL SMITH, PE, W.K. DICKSON, PA
MR. RON MCCOLLUM, PE, AIRPORT PROJECT MANAGER, NCDOT, DIV. OF AVIATION.
MR. JON ARNALD, PE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NCDOT, DIV. OF AVIATION
MR. BRUCE ROSE, MAYOR, CITY OF WILSON
MR. HARRY TYSON, ASST. MANAGER, CITY OF WILSON
MR. LESLIE ATKINSON, WILSON COUNTY BD. OF COMMISSIONERS
MR. ERIC EVANS, MANAGER, EDGEcombe COUNTY
MR. ZEE LAMB, MANAGER, NASH COUNTY
MR. ROBIE DAVIS, CHAIRMAN, NASH COUNTY BD. OF COMMISSIONERS
MR. WAYNE OUTLAW, NASH COUNTY BD. OF COMMISSIONERS
MR. DAVID FARRIS, PRESIDENT, ROCKY MOUNT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MRS. KRISTA IKIRT, VICE PRES. CAROLINAS GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP
MR. JAMES SALMONS, NASH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNER, UCPRPO
MRS. NANCY NIXON, DIRECTOR, NASH COUNTY PLANNING DEPT.
MR. BOB LEAGUE, PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER, CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT
MR. JORDAN REEDY, PLANNER, CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT

OPENING:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Rocky Mount - Wilson Regional Airport was called to order by Mr. Johnson Bisette, Chairman at 12:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Mr. Charles Mullen delivered the invocation and blessed the food

PLEDGE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Bisette

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bisette welcomed all in attendance and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves

READING / APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were previously distributed and read by the board members. A motion was made by Mr. Dan Herring and seconded by Mr. Garry Hodges to approve the October 2018 minutes. The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Accounting Reports

The monthly financial reports for October were prepared by Anthony & Tabb, PA and were previously distributed to the board members for review. Mr. Warren recommended approval of the reports. A motion was made by Mr. Bisette to approve the Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hodges and the motion was carried unanimously.

CONSULTANTS REPORT:

Mr. Paul Smith, PE, and Mr. Jason Kennedy, PE gave the group an extensive presentation on the Strategic Master Plan, Airport Layout Plan and Pavement Rehabilitation Project. A copy of the presentation is attached. The group was solicited for their input.

BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the pavement improvement project and prospective funding. Mr. Jon Arnold from the NCDOT informed the group that this was the largest airport improvement award by the Division of Aviation in the last 15 years and the window of opportunity to complete this project was now.

Mr. Smith inquired representatives from each of the supporting municipal sponsors to advise the Authority of their next steps regarding review of their respective local match commitments.

City of Rocky Mount (Dan and Gary): No one from the City of Rocky Mount was able to speak on behalf of the City however Mr. Gary Hodges stated that he believed that the money has been budgeted based on previous conversations with the City Manager. Gary is meeting with City Manager, Mrs. Rochelle Small-Toney Thursday (11/29) morning to confirm their local match.

City of Wilson (Johnson and Eldon): Next City Council meeting is 12/13 at 7:00 pm. Johnson will follow up with City folks to prepare for their next board meeting on 12/13. Charles will confirm if he would like Jason and Dion before the 12/13 meeting. At the 11/20 meeting, Mayor Bruce Rose said he was uninformed about the project and would need additional information before requesting the local match from his council.

Edgecombe County (Carl): Next board meeting 12/3 at 7:00 pm Edgecombe County Manager Eric Evans, said he supports the project and will recommend that his board approves their portion of the local match at the next board meeting. Carl plans to schedule a meeting with the commissioners before the 12/3 meeting. Jason plans to join Carl for the board meeting the night 12/3.

Nash County (Charles): At the meeting, County Commissioner Chair Robbie Davis stated that he does not currently have board approval for local match. Zee Lamb, county manager, expressed knowledge and support of the project. Given the \$2.0 million (100% grant) recently awarded by NCDORA that will build new T-Hangars on the airport which will directly benefit the county – Zee was optimistic that the board will support the project and local match. Next meeting County Board meeting is **12/3 at 9:00 am**. Charles, Dion, and Jason will attend this meeting.

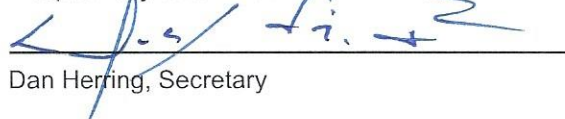
Wilson County (Jeff): Ron Hunt, Assistant County Manager attended the meeting for Wilson County. He indicated that he did not have Wilson County board approval for the local match and that **their Next Meeting is 12/3 at 7:00 pm.**

Golden Leaf: Robbie Davis (Nash County) said that he will lead the coordination with golden leaf. Golden Leaf is considering if they can contribute to the local match. **Charles** will stay in contact with Robbie to make sure this coordination is completed prior to the upcoming board/council meetings.

CLOSING / ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 2:05 pm, there being no further business to come before the board, the general meeting of the Rocky Mount - Wilson Regional Airport Authority was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:



Dan Herring, Secretary

