

**AVIATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2019 - 6:00 pm
Robertson Airport**

PRESENT: The following members were present: Byron Treado (*by phone*) Richard Piotrowski, Robert Zirpollo, Reade Clemens, Mark DePucchio, David King, and Chuck Zettergren (arrived at 6:30 pm).

STAFF: Scott Colby, Jr. Assistant to the Town Manager

VISITORS: Nick Scata, Interstate Aviation, Jim Platosh, AECOM, Eric Pearson, CAP, Dawn Guite, Recording Secretary, and Joe Corlis.

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Richard Piotrowski.
There was a quorum.

II. Tour of the Hangars

The tour of Hangar 1 and building exteriors was led by Nick Scata. The goal is to clean up the hangars and get rid of the trash (and non-aviation items) particularly in Hangar 1 so that several more planes can be housed there. Another tour will be scheduled in the fall.

II. Old Business

1. Review and approve May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Treado made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting as posted. Mr. Clemens seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously by members present.

III. Other Business

- Wings & Wheels – Post-Event Discussion

There were no issues with the changes made to the event this year. A mishap did occur in that a plane hit a car. There were no injuries.

The weather was perfect. Attendance was better than in 2018. Nick received good feedback from attendees. There were 145 helicopter rides for \$75.00 each. Visits were made by a War Bird from Westerly, Rhode Island and from Life Star.

Nutmeg TV filmed the event and 92.5 Radio's Damon Scott was a celebrity in the dunk tank. The \$25,000 made at the event will be split among the non-profit groups. A 1965 Pontiac GTO won the award for the car. A suggestion was made to judge the planes during a future Wings & Wheels event.

- Financial Report

There was no financial report given; waiting on Ed Shelomis to provide numbers for the Apron Project.

- AECOM Report

Mr. Platosh said that the annual schedule has been compiled for the project and a kick-off meeting with commission members, Nick Scata, and others related to the project will be invited.

A grant was awarded on June 5th to include a field survey for design, administration and construction. The survey will begin on July 16 and will cover 35 acres. 24 borings 10 feet deep along the grass edge will determine the condition of the soil.

- Property/Building Assessment Discussion

Mr. Colby is working with AECOM to determine what areas are not eligible to be serviced through the assessment process. A preliminary estimate for \$25,000 would include power washing and use of durable paint guaranteed for 20 years. Review of the Articles determines that the town is responsible for exterior painting. Mr. Colby will have preliminary numbers for the next meeting. The Partner Property Condition Report will determine what is needed and then needs can be planned for. More documentation is needed for the report including determination of egress and building department issues.

- Interstate Aviation Report

Lynn Michaud was unable to attend tonight's meeting but did provide information by email regarding the changes made to the 100LL totals for the months of March through December of 2017.

She had misread the totals due to a meter change on the 100LL truck back in March of 2017. The numbers given now are correct.

Nick said that the hangars are getting close to full capacity.

The numbers for May 31, 2019. There were 35 planes in tie-downs. Fuel sales were 100LL – 1932.8 gals; Jet A sold 1306.4 gals. There were 0 overages.

- Any Other Items

Mr. DePucchio mentioned email that he sent regarding setting up a reserve through the Capital Improvement Plan for four years to be used for improvements on the buildings at the airport.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Corlis said that from commissions that he serves on in Cromwell, that solar can produce a savings equaling 2/3 the cost for electricity. Solar should be considered for buildings in Plainville.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. DePucchio to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Reade seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Guite

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