



## Griffin Spalding Airport

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### **Minutes of Airport Authority Meeting**

08 October, 2012

6:00PM

#### **Attendees:**

Cmr. Dick Morrow (C)  
Cmr. Raymond Ray  
Mr. Larry Johnson

Cmr. Eddie Freeman  
Mr. Ron Alexander  
Mr. Carl Pruet

Cmr. Joanne Todd  
Mr. Keith Smith

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Mr. William Wilson (County Manager)  
Mr. Robert Mohl (Airport Director)

#### **I. Call to Order:**

At 6:00PM with a quorum present the Chairman, Cmr. Morrow, called the meeting to order.

#### **II. Adopt Minutes:**

Cmr. Morrow commented on a few spelling errors. AD stated that he would email the board corrected copies.

The Chairman made a request to entertain a motion to accept the minutes (with noted corrections) from the Airport Authority Meeting held on 10 September 2012. Mr. Keith Smith motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Cmr. Eddie Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved, 8-0.

#### **III. Audience Comments: None**

#### **IV. Old Business: Formation of Support Group:**

Cmr. Morrow stated that he initiated a discussion with Mr. David Luckie to speak to businesses within the industrial park on our behalf. Mr. Luckie stated that none of the businesses he spoke with want to be involved. Cmr. Morrow indicated that Mr. Luckie suggested getting statements from area businesses that did not locate or moved from Griffin because of the lack of sufficient aviation infrastructure. Cmr. Morrow, in order to solicit statements indicating why they moved, asked Mr. Pruet to speak to Gardner Aviation (at FFC) and Mr. Alexander to speak to Aircraft Spruce (also at FFC) both companies that used to be in Griffin and moved away. Cmr. Morrow stated that Mr. Taylor is willing to help.

Cmr. Todd said that both UGA Griffin and Southern Crescent Technical College leadership have indicated their willingness to participate. She stated that this project needs to be identified as one that will create jobs and provide the opportunity for companies to locate here and employ even more people.

Mr. Alexander asked if he was to work towards obtaining letters from these companies or ask if they want to be on the committee to speak to the Governor. Cmr. Morrow replied "both, whatever they'd be willing to help with".

V. **New Business:** None

VI. **Report of Committees:**

a. Budget & Finance (see minutes attached)

Mr. Wilson provided a brief synopsis on how the ad valorem taxes were broken up and dispersed. AD stated that if it could be counted as revenue generated by the airport it would help in more accurately identifying the “airport subsidy”. The ad valorem taxes generated by airport buildings and aircraft are approximately \$110,000.00.

Mr. Wilson & AD updated the Authority that the County donated two surplus mowers to the airport to be used with inmate labor to speed up the airfield mowing function and help present a more professional appearance. In addition the “Walking Park” maintenance crew will assist in picking up trash along the airpark road entrance.

AD stated that he is in discussion with the City Human Resources director researching options to acquire retired volunteers to answer the telephones, answer the radio and greet walk-in customers to help improve customer service.

b. Legal & Insurance – no report at this time

c. Personnel – no report at this time

d. Property & Assets – no report at this time

VII. **Airport Director’s Report:** AD provided the monthly status reports regarding current airport trends in activity & operations / budget revenues & expenditures and fuel sales for the month ending 30 September 2012. (see attached).

VIII. **Authority Board Member Comments:**

Mr. Pruettt stated that we need to formalize what we will be discussing or asking the Governor. This sparked a discussion of what information should be presented.

Mr. Smith asked what was the outcome of the discussion with Air Methods, Life Flight? AD stated that he had not heard anything back from neither the on-site Chief of Operations (CO), nor the corporate office. AD stated that he would attempt to speak with the local CO to see if he had any new information.

Cmr. Morrow informed the Authority about the \$29 Million dollar earmark for commuter rail. He stated that based on his conversation it would be extremely unlikely for the money to return back to the Federal Government, get transferred into FTA / FAA, then make it back down to the Griffin Airport. Therefore, we will not be able to use the money to purchase the land for the new airport.

**IX. Next Airport Authority Board Meeting : 12 November, 2012 6PM**  
**Location : One Griffin Center**

**X. Adjournment:** At 6:58PM Cmr. Dick Morrow entertained a motion to adjourn, Cmr. Eddie Freeman motioned to adjourn & Mr. Carl Pruett seconded, the motion was unanimously passed, 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanne Todd  
Secretary,  
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority

C:  
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority  
Aviation Advisory Board  
Kenny Smith, City Manager  
William Wilson, County Manager