



**Minutes of  
Airport Authority Meeting**  
11 July, 2016  
6:00PM

**Attendees:**

Mr. Ron Alexander (VC)  
Mr. Larry Johnson

Mr. Carl Pruett (S)  
Cmr. Bart Miller

Mr. Brett Lavender  
Mr. Louis Thacker

**Also in Attendance:**

Judge William Johnston (Authority Legal Counsel)  
Mr. Kenny Smith (City Manager)  
Mr. William Wilson (County Manager)  
Mr. Mike Van Wie (M.Baker Consulting Group)  
Mr. Lew Walker (GDOT)  
Mr. Robert Mohl (Airport Director)

- I. Call to Order:** At 6:00 PM, with a quorum present, the Vice Chairman, Mr. Ron Alexander called the meeting to order.
- II. Adopt Minutes:** Mr. Brett Lavender motioned to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016. Mr. Carl Pruett seconded and the minutes were approved (5-0-1) Cmr. Bart Miller abstained as he was not present at the 13 June meeting.
- III. Audience Comments:** Mr. Keven Sasser (Current Airport Tenant), 112 Stillwater Trace, Griffin Ga. Mr. Sasser presented safety concerns regarding activities both on and adjacent to the airport during the City's Fourth of July fireworks display conducted on the airfield. Several Board Authority members stated they would like to see the fireworks moved to Wynoma Tyus Park. Mr. Thacker suggested that a Legal & Insurance Committee workshop be conducted to review the issue and form a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Lavender asked that by allowing this activity, are we creating an attraction exposure. Legal Counsel Judge Johnston concurred. AD stated he would provide a summary of the issues after interviewing other tenants and businesses on the field. Also, Mr. Sasser inquired as to the status of a possible Tenants Relations Committee formation.

Attorney Jeff Yearwood requested clarification regarding the survey request letter for his client located within the RPZ on Kennedy Road. AD briefly outlined the activities related to the utility realignment survey needing to occur in order to determine the best route for the relocation of the power transmission lines crossing through the proposed new airport location. Additionally, the need to determine heights of trees that may pose an obstruction hazard for properties located within the RPZ. Judge Johnston asked if the property owner would allow us to do the survey. Mr. Yearwood stated that his client would not allow access to their property unless it had a court order. Authority Legal Counsel provided precedence and case number (Aponte vs. City of Columbus 246 Georgia Appeals 646, Case from the year 2000), and indicated if necessary a court order will be obtained.

**IV. Report of Committees:**

- a. **Budget & Finance** – No Report At This Time
- b. **Legal & Insurance** – Mr. Pruett & AD updated the Authority on renewing Authority Insurance
- c. **Personnel.** – No Report At This Time
- d. **Property & Assets** – Mr. Thacker expressed his appreciation for those that participated in the workshop.
- e. **Marketing** – Presentation to follow (see agenda below)
- f. **Tennant Issues** – Mr. Alexander & Mr. Thacker voiced concerns over the fireworks activity.

## V. Old Business:

- a. **New Airport Monthly Staff Workshop Update:** As the NGSa meeting was cancelled, there was no report to give.
- b. **Phase I Land Acquisition Update:** Mr. Mike Van Wie of the Michael Baker Consulting Firm, reported that at the end of June, 41 initial property meetings, title work & mobile home inspections have been completed. 38 of 41 appraisals have been completed. 1 appraisal is waiting on the property owner to come back from vacation, 2 others need to be rewritten due to "Life Estate" issues. At the end of June 7 offers were made, 4 were accepted, 4 relocations are under review and 1 closing. Last week, 3 closings and one scheduled for later this week, 14 additional offers, 2 options signed at FMV and 3 options signed with counter offers to be approved by this body. Regarding the Leasing Policy workshop, Mr. Thacker requested that I do additional research. Mr. Van Wie reported that he spoke with several airport directors and provided the findings to the Authority (see attached).
- c. **Transition Plan Update:** Mr. Mike Van Wie, of the Michael Baker Consulting Firm (regarding the Leasing Policy workshop conducted by Mr. Thacker) was requested to do additional research. Mr. Van Wie reported that he spoke with several airport directors and provided the findings to the Authority (see attached).

## VI. New Business:

### a. Presentations:

1. Mr. Alex Crown & Mr. Francesco Kozerski of Global Web Advisors provided a presentation regarding their abilities to provide 3-D, 360 degree virtual marketing for either selling the old airport or marketing the new one.
2. Ms. Judi Goldman of Virtual Properties Realty introduced Mr. Leon Stoltz & JP Strong of the Square Foot Guys Consulting & Marketing Firm. They provided a presentation regarding the long term vision and potential development of the new Griffin-Spalding County Airport.

### b. Travel Requests:

1. Mr. Brett Lavender motioned to approve Will Stevens, Airfield Operations Manager to attend Fuel Quality Control & Fire Safety Training in Atlanta Ga. Hosted by Perry Brothers, July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carl Pruett seconded. The motion was approved in the amount of \$250.00. (6-0)
2. Mr. Brett Lavender motioned to approve Robert Mohl, Airport Director to attend the GAA Annual Conference at Jekyll Island Ga. October 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carl Pruett seconded. The motion was approved in the amount of \$725.00. (6-0)
3. Mr. Brett Lavender motioned to approve TBD, Airport Authority Member to attend the GAA Annual Conference at Jekyll Island Ga. October 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carl Pruett seconded. The motion was approved in the amount of \$725.00. (6-0)

## VII. Airport Director's Report: AD provided standard monthly data reports regarding airfield expenditures, revenues and trends for the month of June 2016. (see attached AD report).

## VIII. Authority Board Member Comments:

Mr. Carl Pruett thanked our presenters for their very informative work.

Mr. Louis Thacker thanked the tenants that attended for their participation.

Mr. Larry Johnson was impressed with the quality of the businesses that have provided presentations and are interested in our new airport.

**IX. Next Airport Authority Board Meeting: 08 August, 2016 6PM  
One Griffin Center**

**XI. Adjournment:** At 7:33 PM, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, **Mr. Brett Lavender** motioned to adjourn & **Mr. Louis Thacker** seconded, the motion was unanimously passed, (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted:

Carl Pruett  
Secretary,  
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority

Cc:  
Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority  
Kenny Smith, City Manager  
William Wilson, County Manager