

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission was held on October 8, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room C of the City Services Building.

Mark Halter called the meeting to order.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners answered: Don Blakey, Toby Burkett, Mark Halter, and Brad Hughes. Rick Ashley and Jim Julian were absent.

Mr. Hughes motioned to excuse Mr. Ashley and Mr. Julian's absences. Mr. Blakey seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Mr. Blakey motioned to approve the minutes from the previous commission meeting. Mr. Burkett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Skipper Polk informed the Commissioners that the report was not available by this meeting date.

Old Business

Air Charter Express (ACE)

Mr. Polk advised the Commissioners of the State's office of Economic Development Corporation's impending decision to award the requested funds. Likewise, the City of North Little Rock's Economic Development Corporation will vote to approve the project. The contract is expected to close within 2010. The contract will be approved by the Commissioners subsequent to approval by the State and City.

The Flight Planning Center is expected to be completed before Christmas.

New Business

Fence Recommendations

The Fence Committee met on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. The members recommended to temporarily leave the gate open during business hours and close it at night. This solution avoids distributing the access code to numerous citizens.

The Commission discussed vehicles driving on the ramp and liability insurance minimums.

A motion to allow the gate opened during business hours and closed at night was made. The motion was not seconded.

Deborah Schwartz voiced her concerns with leaving the gate opened.

A member suggested setting up barricades and/or saw-horses to deter public traffic from the area.

After discussions, a decision to temporarily leave the gate as is was reached.

New Business (continued)

Driving on Ramps

Mr. Polk will work with Paula Jones on a proposal to submit to the Commission regarding driving on ramps.

Mr. Burkett was interested in routine issues/reasons for allowing people to drive on the ramps.

Mr. Polk presented the resolution of persons having a valid reason and sufficient insurance for permission to drive on the ramps.

Security Report

Officer W. Honeycutt reported no crime incidents and no deer nor have geese been eradicated.

Manager's Report

Mr. Polk detailed the arrival of the B17, scheduled to appear at the North Little Rock Municipal Airport on October 24, 2009. The aircraft will provide rides on Friday through Sunday. The plane rides are offered in conjunction with an EAA luncheon/mini open house and an aircraft display.

Mr. Ashley, Mr. Polk and the Mayor met to discuss the Airport's 2010 budget. Budget affirmation will be finalized in December.

Presley Melton voiced his concerns regarding potentially eliminating driving on the ramps. He hopes a middle ground can be ascertained.

Howard Hutchins informed the Commission that his lease is up in January and wanted to precede with the renewal procedures.

Mr. Halter notified Mr. Hutchins that the lease rate issues are currently under evaluation with the consultants. The Committee will meet with Lessor(s) to discuss their lease(s).

Presently, at a leases end, the contract will go to a monthly basis until a new lease is established.

Mr. Blakey motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hughes. The meeting adjourned.