



**MINUTES
GLYNN COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
APRIL 16, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

**CEDRIC KING, Acting Chairman
KEVIN RUNNER, Secretary-Treasurer
JEFF CULWELL
DAVID FURNISH
AL MCKINNON**

OTHERS PRESENT

**HILLARY STRINGFELLOW
REES SUMERFORD
ROBERT BURR
DAVID BENJAMIN, SR.
DAVID BENJAMIN, JR.
STEVE EDWARDS
JIM WALDRON
JEFF GRIFFITH
DAVID MANNING
SHAWNA WILLIAMS**

**TERRA WINSLETT
KATHERINE KISSLING
RENN GRUBER
LARRY CORNELIUS
LEIGH NEWTON
TIFFANY LANDRY
ART WACZKOWSKI
ANDREW HOLTON
RUSSELL BUSBEE
JOHN DUNCAN**

**VERNON BESSING
LESLIE FAULKENBERRY
JANE BOZZA
LEIGH NEWTON
LARRY WADE
CHARLES NORMAN
JERRY LATVALA
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
WAYNE NEAL**

The monthly meeting of the Glynn County Airport Commission (GCAC) was held at **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, 295 Aviation Parkway, Brunswick, Georgia 31525.**

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman King. Commissioner King assumed the duties of Chairman in the absence of Chairman Hutson. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Renn Gruber of Gruber Aviation offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accept Agenda

The meeting agenda was presented. The Chairman requested any changes. None were stated.

Commissioner Runner joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Public Comment

Chairman King invited public comments from the audience. Larry Cornelius requested the opportunity to speak about safety concerns at St. Simons Island Airport. He is a local pilot and is the chief pilot for Waterford Green. He expressed concern about the high volume of jet traffic mixed with slower flying aircraft. His opinion is that an air traffic control tower would benefit St. Simons Island Airport due to the high volume of traffic and the mix of many different types of aircraft and student pilots. Upon being advised today, he expressed interest in attending the Safety Committee meetings.

Rob Burr explained that a safety committee was established made up of Airport Commission members and tenants to review incidents. Airspace is controlled by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and there is a reporting form for the FAA for any incident. The Airport Commission has engaged a tower feasibility study. A siting study for a tower is planned in the next fiscal year for St. Simons Island Airport.

Approval of Minutes

Glynn County Airport Commission Meeting Minutes March 19, 2019

Chairman King presented the March 19, 2019 minutes and asked for any corrections or changes. None were stated.

Commissioner Culwell made a motion to accept the March 19, 2019 Glynn County Airport Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Furnish seconded the motion and it carried unanimously: 5-0.

Real Estate

Transfer Notification of Longview Hangar #8 – St. Simons Island Airport

A request was submitted to request Longview Hangar Unit #8 be transferred from Trace Hartridge has submitted to John C. Kaufman for aeronautical use at St. Simons Island Airport. The Glynn County Airport Commission previously provided the Executive Director the authorization to complete internal aeronautical association hangar unit transfers with the stipulation that the hangar be used for aeronautical purposes and the association be in good standing. This request meets those specifications and was approved by the Executive Director.

Farmer's Market – Letter of Agreement- St. Simons Island Airport

Farmer's Market has a new operator, Don Maxey, who has signed a letter of agreement with Airport Commission to utilize one of the Farmer's Market areas. Terms of the Agreement are for an annual rental rate of \$4,351.92 beginning April 15, 2019 through April 14, 2020 with a 30 day right for cancellation if property needed for aviation purposes.

Rental Car Request for Interest Process – The current on-airport rental car concession agreements for both airports are due for renewal. Airport Commission staff recently advertised a Request for Interest for rental car companies interested in serving the Brunswick Golden Isles and St. Simons Island airports. Avis, Budget and

Hertz have submitted interest for Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. Hertz and Avis submitted interest for St. Simons Island Airport. These are the current on-site service providers for both airports.

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to enter into concession agreements with Hertz, Avis and Budget for the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport and concession agreements with Hertz and Avis for St. Simons Island Airport based on the terms stated in the Request for Information and recommend approval to the Development Authority subject to legal review.

Commissioner Culwell made a motion to accept the recommendation.

Commissioner Runner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously: 5-0.

Executive Director Items

Enplanement Report Brunswick Golden Isles Airport for March 2019 – The numbers are trending higher after the effects of the government shutdown.

Southeast Chapter of American Association of Airport Executives (SEC AAEE) 2019 General Aviation Project of the Year Airfield Category Award for St. Simons Island Airport Runway 16-34 Pavement Rehabilitation Project – This project utilized innovative cold-in-place recycling asphalt pavement which was well received. Funding for the project was challenging based on funding formulas. The Airport Commission sold some right-of-way real estate that was located at Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. Those funds were able to be used at St. Simons Island Airport. The project was successful and used new methods that shortened the length of time needed to construct the pavement. The Executive Director acknowledged the efforts of the staff.

Happy Hangars Association Taxi-lane Sealcoat Work Update – St. Simons Island Airport – Recently the taxi-lane seal coat work was completed at Happy Hangars. Before and after photos were displayed. This is a temporary solution until additional funding is available for permanent construction.

Georgia Legislative Update – The Georgia legislative session recently concluded. Executive Director Robert Burr is on the Board of Director for the Georgia Airports Association (GAA) and is involved with the local legislative group. Several items of interest to the Airport Commission were considered. Multiple bills came before the legislature which could affect airports and air service. Some of the items will continue to the next session. Most were not completed because there was no agreement between the House and the Senate. The items of concern – currently there is a suspension of jet fuel tax in the state of Georgia which is due to expire June 30th. In lieu of that there was an effort to remove the sales tax on fuel, but instead apply an excise tax to fund into the state program. The Governor's proposal was a half cent per gallon which would be grossly inadequate. GAA recommends ten cents per gallon tax, which would still be a reduction. That negotiation was not concluded. That piece of legislation will continue next year. The Airport Commission's interest is to ensure that the state program is adequately funded for projects at St. Simons Island Airport. Another piece of legislation that directly affects us is a movement by the state to take over management of Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta Airport. There are different variations of the bill. The Senate passed a version which would create an independent authority to run the airport. The House came back with an oversight committee instead to oversee the operations of Atlanta airport as well as all commercial airports in the state, which includes Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. Currently, this airport has three local legislative bodies that control the airport. A fourth is not needed. The Senate did not accept the House version. That bill will carry over to next year's legislative session. This issue is being monitored. Commissioner King and Commissioner Hutson have been heavily involved in legislative issues.

Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) Project - Brunswick Golden Isles Airport – Vernon Bessing explained that a new AWOS system was recently installed at Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. Everything is working. The phone number and frequency remain the same. A 7460 form was submitted to the FAA to authorize the old AWOS system be used as a redundant system in case the new system should go down for any reason. The Brunswick Golden Isles Airport will be the first airport in the United State to have this redundant AWOS system. A weather system is essential for air carrier service.

Pilot Recognition

- **Christian Thom** – Added instrument airplane to his Private Pilot certificate. Training was completed with Christian Flores at Falcon Aviation in Newnan, Georgia.
- **Clay Chatham** – Added Helicopter to his Airline Transport Pilot certificate. Training was completed with Patrick Gregg at the Macon Downtown Airport.
- **Endre Reinass** – Added Instruments to his Private Pilot certificate. Training was completed with Landon Curry at Falcon Aviation in Newnan, Georgia.
- **William Kauber** – Added Instruments to his Private Pilot certificate. Training was completed with Chris Techman at Middle Georgia State University - Eastman.

Chairman's Items

Travel Approval – Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame 2019 Induction Banquet – Induction of Lance Toland and others – April 27, 2019 at Epps Aviation in Atlanta. Permission for Chairman Hutson and his wife to represent the Airport Commission at the event.

Recommendation: Approve travel for Chairman Hutson and his wife to attend the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame Induction ceremony for Lance Toland and others on April 27th in Atlanta.

Commissioner Culwell made a motion to approve the motion.

Commissioner Furnish seconded the motion and it carried unanimously: 5-0.

Georgia Economic Development Orientation “Red Carpet” Tour – Chairman King explained that the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport was invited to participate with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Tour which brought in 75 site-selection professionals, business leaders and executive from across the country and internationally as part of the Master’s Golf Event that is held annually. Commissioners Hutson, King and Executive Director Robert Burr, as well as some of the staff, were part of the welcoming committee and attended a dinner. It was a very successful event. Guests were very impressed, especially with seeing the Gulfstream facilities.

Delta Strategy Update – David Furnish explained that planning has started for the trip to meeting with Delta Airlines management. The group discussed what the “ask” would be to Delta. Some ideas discussed were the number of flights, the size of the jet, first class. Commissioner Furnish has some demographic information he will share with Scott McQuade of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Some questions posed were: What is our one-year “ask”? What is our three-year “ask”? What is our five-year “ask”? Delta is doing well financially, so this is a good time for long-term planning and initiatives. Chairman King thanked Commissioner Furnish for leading that effort.

Upcoming Events

Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame 2019 Induction Banquet Honoring Lance Toland and others – April 27, 2019 – Epps Aviation in Atlanta

Coastal Georgia Honor Flight – Saturday, May 4, 2019 – Brunswick Golden Isles Airport – The departure will be at 6:00 a.m. and the arrival is scheduled for 8:15 p.m.

Hurricane Hunter Open House Event – Brunswick Golden Isles Airport – Friday, May 10, 2019

Airport Commission Meeting – May 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. - Brunswick Golden Isles Airport

Executive Session

“Closed session to discuss legal items as allowed under O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 and real estate items as allowed under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (b)(1)(B).”

Commissioner McKinnon made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:26 a.m.

Commissioner Culwell seconded the motion and it carried: 5-0.

Open Session resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner Culwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Furnish seconded the motion and it carried unanimously: 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Acting Chairman King



Commissioner Runner



Attest, Katherine Kissling

AFFIDAVIT – CLOSED MEETING

AFFIDAVIT AS REQUIRED UNDER O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) (1)

GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Personally appeared before me the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, **Cedric King** who, after being duly sworn, deposes and, on oath, states the following:

- (1) I was the acting Chairman of a meeting of the Glynn County Airport Commission meeting held on the 16th day of April 2019.
- (2) The subject matters of the closed portion of the meeting, which was closed for purpose of the discussion of Real Estate matters as allowed under O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b)(1)(B), and Legal matters as allowed under O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 and was devoted to matters within these exceptions as provided by law.
- (3) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) (1) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 16th day of April, 2019.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 16th day of April, 2019.



Cedric King, Acting Chairman



Notary Public
My Commission Expires: June 22, 2021

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