

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022 5:00 PM - Airport Conference Room

In attendance were board members, participants and guests as listed on the attached attendance sheet.

1. **Call to Order-** Chairman Locke called meeting to order at 4:59 PM; a quorum was confirmed.
2. **Invocation** – Logan Chappell
3. **Review of Agenda.** The agenda was accepted without changes.
4. **Consent Agenda** items were, as previously determined by procedure, approved as submitted:
 - a. Last month's meeting minutes
 - b. Treasurer's report
 - d. Technology Report (No activity)
 - e. Grant Activity Report (None- no activity)
5. **Audience wishing to speak:** None.
6. **Airport Manager Report:** (The Secretary asked to permanently remove the Airport Manager's report from the consent agenda each month and place it here.) His September operations and fuel report is enclosed. He asked we discuss a potential tweak to the outgoing lease cover page to include better language about liability insurance and flyable aircraft, which was briefly discussed and approved. We also discussed fuel pricing and the Chairman made some recommendations to the Manager.
7. **AVCON Report:** AVCON discussed their report by telephone with the board (enclosed). The majority of the discussion centered around the need to remove the trees in the 3.5 acre dry and wet area north of the shade hangars, which contain the majority of the birds causing the bird strike issue.

It was discussed that the removal of pine trees and hardwoods on dry ground are a top priority for the airport, due to recent bird strikes and close calls. *(Additional information on this issue and bird mitigation can be found in last month's Board meeting.)* See "New Business" below regarding Bird Depredation.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. We discussed the previously submitted budget, to run October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023). It was noted that it had been advertised locally in three newspapers and we have received no public comment. It was also noted that we had to slightly tweak the insurance budget slightly upward due to a late invoice. There was a question by Acuff regarding a compensation increase for the airport manager, which had previously been approved. After a discussion about insurance, Statham moved, and Acuff seconded that the budget be approved with the above insurance tweak.
 - b. Statham reported that the James P. Neill estate has not responded to any of our letters, but that they seem to have sent a mechanic to work on the airplane that is under lien. Statham will send the estate another letter reminding them that we are owed a phone call and a plan for what their next steps are, with a reminder that the aircraft is under lien, and a notification that both legal fees, penalties and interest are accruing.
 - c. The Chairman reported that the lease proposal discussions with Baptist College of Florida are continuing. (For clarification, the college is currently in default of their land lease agreement with the Authority, and we are seeking to resolve the manner without having to resort to legal action.) The Board unanimously directed the Chairman to continue to negotiate the matter on our behalf and expressed its fullest support.

- d. Statham reported that the US Fish and Wildlife Service issued our Bird Depredation Permit (enclosed with these minutes) allowing us to begin killing birds, which will be coordinated and recorded by our Airport Manager. Statham also reported that he has killed five of the same species that has caused the recent air strikes, as well as reporting how the birds are nesting "inside" the pine trees that we're seeking to remove. Statham noted that he believe the problem will only be resolved by the removal of the entire 3.5 acre area as well as killing birds who do not leave our property.

9. **New Business**

- a. Statham reported that the Experimental Aircraft Association chapter is planning two Young Eagles Days at the airport: September 24 and October 15. No action.
- b. Board Member and Grants Coordinator Fred Provost tendered his resignation effective September 30, due to his accepting a promotion with transfer with his employer. He was thanked by the Board for his tenure and service.

10. **Adjourn:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.

These minutes were compiled by the Secretary on behalf of the Board of Directors, and when subsequently approved by the Board of Directors (the following meeting) and signed by the Secretary, shall constitute a true record to be included with the official legal records.



Ross E. Statham, Secretary