

**LAURENS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019
6 P.M. - AIRPORT TERMINAL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Richard Snipes, Chairman; Richard Patterson, Vice Chairman; Robert Harrington, Treasurer; Ernest Segars, Secretary; and George S. Wham, Commission Member

Staff Present: Gifford Boyter, Airport Manager and Andy Howard, Laurens County Staff

Guests Present: Mike Leighton and Brooks Moss. David Pitts, Chairman of Laurens County Council

Chairman Richard Snipes called the August 12, 2019 meeting of the Laurens County Airport Commission to order at 6 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: On a motion by Mr. Segars and a second by Mr. Wham, the Commission approved the agenda for the meeting on a unanimous vote (5-0).

Approval of Minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting of the Commission: On a motion by Mr. Wham and a second by Mr. Harrington, the Commission approved the referenced Minutes on a unanimous vote (6-0.)

Financial Reports

LCAC Financial Report - June 30, 2019 and July 31, 2019: The Commission reviewed the referenced reports. There were no questions or comments. These documents are included as part of these Minutes

Laurens County Airport Budget - June 30, 2019 and July 31, 2019: The Commission reviewed these documents and there were no questions. Mr. Wham pointed out that the FY 2020 budget is slightly increased (approximately \$3,000) over the FY 2019 budget. This is due primarily to an increase in the salary account. These documents are included as part of these Minutes.

Old Business

Airport Approaches: Andy Howard of the Laurens County staff said that a recent inspection of airport property revealed that a total of ten trees on neighboring properties must be removed to insure runway safety at the airport. Eight of the trees affect Runway 08 (towards Clinton) and two trees affect Runway 26 (towards Laurens.) County staff will arrange for the removal of the trees.

Airport Operations Report

Airport and T-Hangars: - Airport Manager Boyter reported that all of the hangars available at the Laurens County Airport are currently rented and occupied. One of the hangars may be available shortly, depending upon the status of the aircraft owner.

Rental Home: Mr. Boyter said that he resolved a waste disposal issue at the rental home.

Administrative Update

Bonding of Certain Airport Commission Officials: Mr. Wham, former chairman of the Commission, said that he had discussions recently with Laurens County officials concerning the bonding of the chairman and treasurer of the Commission. The county's director of finance advised that there is sufficient funding in an existing county account (not assigned to the airport) to pay for the bonding of Chairman Snipes and Treasurer Harrington. That process will go forward.

New Business

Election of Secretary for the Commission: In the previous election of officers, the Commission had not proceeded with the formal election of a secretary. Mr. Wham nominated Ernest Segars for that position. Mr. Patterson offered a second to the motion and the Commission approved the election of Mr. Segars as Commission secretary on a unanimous vote (5-0.)

Breakfast Club Fly-In: The Laurens County Airport will host a Breakfast Club fly-in on Sunday, September 15, 2019. A local Boy Scout Troop will provide the meal and volunteers will assist with the parking of the in-coming aircraft.

Airport Development: The Commission engaged in a detailed discussion regarding airport hangars with Mike Leighton, a businessman engaged in the aviation industry, and with his attorney and business partner, Brooks Moss. On a motion by Mr. Segars and a second by Mr. Wham, the Commission agreed on a unanimous vote (5-0) to receive the presentation by Mr. Leighton and Ms. Moss as information. Mr. Leighton and Ms. Moss agreed to provide further information to the Commission and discussions will continue.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Harrington and a second by Mr. Wham, the Commission agreed on a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest B. Segars
Secretary, Laurens County Airport Commission