

LAURENS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2021
CONFERENCE ROOM
LAURENS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Members Present- Rick Snipes, Commission Chairman; Bob Harrington, Dickie Patterson and Ernie Segars; and George S. Wham and John Mitchell, (via electronic means)

Staff Present: Bud Boyter, Airport Manager; Andy Howard, county staff

Guest Present- Monty Spencer, representing a business located at the Laurens County Airport

Call to Order- Chairman Rick Snipes called the February 8, 2021 meeting of the Commission to order at 6 pm. In the Conference Room of the Laurens County Administration Building.

Approval of the Agenda for the February 8, 2021 meeting of the Commission- On a motion by Mr. Segars and a second by Harrington, the Commission approved the agenda on a unanimous vote

Approval of the Minutes of the November 30, 2021 meeting of the Commission- On a motion by Mr. Patterson and a second by Mr. Harrington, the Commission approved the referenced Minutes.

Financial Reports- Commission members briefly reviewed the following Financial Documents:

- 1.) LCAC Financial Reports- Jan. 31, 2021
- 2.) Laurens County Airport Budget- Dec. 31, 2020 and Jan. 31, 2021

On a motion by Mr. Segars and a second by Mr. Patterson, the Commission agreed on a unanimous vote to accept the documents as information. The documents will be retained as permanent files by LCAC.

OLD BUSINESS-

FAA FY 20 PROJECT AND GRANT- This project involves a major upgrade of the lighting at the Laurens County Airport. Airport Manager Bud Boyter said the contractor will begin work on the project on February 15, 2021. Because of the extensive work to be done, the Laurens County Airport will be closed to air traffic, Monday through Friday, from February 15, 2021 through March 21, 2021. The closure will be in effect from 7 am until 5:30, beginning and through the referenced dates. The total cost of the lighting project is \$640,864

Reduction in monthly rental fees for occupants of Airport hangars- On a motion by Mr. Patterson and a second by Mr. Harrington- the Commission agreed on a unanimous vote to reduce the monthly rental fees for all airport hangars by 50 percent through the completion of the lighting project.

New Airport Terminal Building (Capital Project) - Andy Howard said Laurens County will work with the Baker Company for the design of the new airport terminal. The total cost of the project is an estimated \$1.3 million to be funded through the following source:

- 1.) \$500,000- Capital Projects Sales Tax
- 2.) \$500,000 – grant from the SC Aeronautics Commission
- 3.) \$300,000 from FAA

Mr. Howard said that the LCAC Commission will serve as the advisory group to Laurens County Council for the construction of the new terminal.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS REPORT

Airport Manager Bud Boyter said that all available hangars at the airport “except one” are rented and occupied. Mr. Boyter said that he is awaiting a bill for the replacement of the air conditioning system at the rental home owned by LCMA.

Business Concerns= Monte Spencer, an n employee of an aviation business located at the airport, had several concerns that he wanted to discuss with the Commission.

- 1.) Rental of a unit airport currently used as a storage facility- Mr. Spencer said that he was aware that a person who had rented the unit was asked to vacate the facility because of non-payment of rent. Mr. Boyter said that he took that action because the rent had not been paid for two months. Mr. Spencer asked whether the unit should have been available for other airport customers who might be interested in obtaining additional space. Mr. Boyter explained that a co-signer of the initial lease had made the back payments and therefore was entitled to maintain occupancy of the unit.
- 2.) Mr. Spencer asked whether the county might be willing to share the cost of bringing a communications line that could service the airport as well as the business operated by Mr. Spencer. The company supplying the line would not be the same company that serves the airport and other buildings owned by the county. Mr. Howard said that the county would not share the cost or utilize the line. Mr. Howard said he was not sure of the county’s response to the request that the private business be allowed to have the line installed for its own expense. Mr. Howard suggested that the request should be submitted in writing for further review by the county.
- 3.) Installation of a storage building/unit to serve the private business. Mr. Howard suggested that Mr. Spencer submit that request in writing to the county for further review.

Installation of doors on two hangars at the airport that currently do not have doors- John Mitchell said that the Commission had previously discuss this issue and that Mr. Boyter had obtained price quotes from vendors to proceed with the installation of the doors. However, the Commission has not taken action to implement the project. On a motion by Mr. Harrington and a second by Mr. Patterson, the Commission agreed on a unanimous vote to have Mr. Boyter to update the price quotes for the door installation. The Commission indicated that the project can proceed once that information is obtained.

RESIGNATION OF GEORGE S.WHAM AS a MEMBER OF THE LAURENS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION- Mr. Wham, a long-time member and former chairman of the Laurens County Airport Commission, said that he has submitted his resignation as a member of the Commission, due to health issues. Andy Howard said that he has conveyed that information to Laurens County Council Member David Tribble and Mr. Tribble will make a recommendation to the full Council for a replacement for Mr. Wham.

The entire Commission thanked Mr. Wham for his many years of valued service to Laurens County and its airport. Mr. Wham thanked the Commission members and staff and he also honored the memory of the late Jim Spencer, another long-time member of the Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Segars and a second by Mr. Harrington, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernie Segars
LCAC Secretary