

**SPRINGFIELD - ROBERTSON COUNTY JOINT AIRPORT BOARD**

**Regular Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, July 14, 2021 - 8 am  
Springfield - Robertson County Airport, Springfield TN**

**Board Members present:** Jerry Converse, Edison Guthrie, Kirk Johnson (via Zoom), Paul Nutting, Henry Ruth, Chris Simpkins, Lewis Walling

**Board Members absent:** none

**Ex-Officio Members present:** Ryan Martin, Billy Vogle

**Airport Manager:** Jamie Jones

Chairman Henry Ruth opened the meeting at 8:00 am in the lobby of the terminal. He presented Neil Petersen with a plaque and thanks for his six years of service as an airport board member.

The meeting then moved to the large conference room. Mr. Ruth changed the order of the agenda due to guests present. A formal complaint was presented to the board by hangar tenant OB Garland. He asked the board with assistance in resolving a problem with airplane repair service from Highland Rim Aviation and Dark Horse Maintenance, both of which are commercial airport tenants. Lewis Walling asked what Mr. Garland wanted from Highland Rim. Mr. Garland wanted an apology from both Tom and Spencer Jones, a written apology from Tom Jones to Mr. Garland's wife, and the assurance that Tom Jones would not contact Mr. Garland in the future. Tom Jones then spoke for both companies. He apologized for the service and certain actions; Mr. Garland accepted his apology. Mr. Jones asked to see copies of the documentation provided to the Airport Board pertaining to Mr. Garland's complaint. He was told that the documentation would be made available to him that day.

Mr. Jones then raised concerns about airport management, but it was determined these could not be addressed at this meeting.

The minutes from the June 9, 2021 board meeting had been sent to board members for review. Chris Simpkins made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Walling seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Edison Guthrie gave the treasurer's report. June ended the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The numbers are not final, but there was a \$3,040.96 loss for the year. The past year's budget will be amended. There is a bill for past engineering services from Klober Engineering that must also be paid. It was not apparent how that work had been authorized; Mr. Nutting will investigate the bill. Mr. Simpkins made a motion to accept the financial report. Mr. Nutting seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Nutting had sent a proposed Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to board members for review. It was adapted from the Stokes Brown Public Library personnel manual; the library is also a joint city – county organization. Mr. Nutting made a motion to adopt the proposed

personnel policy manual. Mr. Simpkins seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Jamie Jones recently sent updates to the airport's Rules and Regulations to board members. These changes were discussed at the last board meeting but did not have a vote taken. Mr. Simpkins made a motion to accept the changes to the Rules and Regulations as presented. Mr. Walling seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by a voice vote.

The needed repairs to the Wingnuts maintenance hangar can be made now that the new fiscal year has started. The state's non-primary entitlement grant money will be used for the repair. Jamie Jones is getting updated bids for the project.

The fly-in and open house will be Saturday, October 2, 2021. It is advertised on the airport website. The vendor application is on also on the website. The Chamber of Commerce is helping with planning.

The engineering services invoice and hangar construction project were discussed during the treasurer's report.

Jamie Jones gave the airport manager's report. A nationwide truck driver shortage caused 100 LL fuel to run out for a few days. It has since been replenished. A visiting crop duster pilot has purchased a large amount of Jet-A fuel. There have been more than 1,500 flight operations over the last 30 days. The ACIP runway resurfacing project has been delayed, but the runway and taxiway crack repair and sealing project will start on July 27. The airport runway will be closed possibly 10 days during this project.

County attorney Clyde Richert will be consulted about the concerns mentioned by Tom Jones.

Mr. Walling asked for information about the AMF aircraft recovery and storage business. The field they rent at the airport is used for storage of wrecked aircraft awaiting investigation, transfer or sale. AMF is preparing another facility for the aircraft, but it will not be ready for possibly a year.

Mr. Ruth adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Edison Guthrie  
Secretary - Treasurer