

ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION

March 15, 2022

8:30 a.m.

The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission met in the Airport Conference Room, Second Floor of the Terminal Building on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Guidry, Chair, presided.

PRESENT: Commission members Dale Guidry "Chair", NL Bishop, Randy Clements, Robert Fralin, Bill Gust, Cynthia Lawrence, Gary Powers.....7.

ABSENT: None.....0.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on February 15th, 2022 were before the body.

Ms. Lawrence made a motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bishop and unanimously approved.

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Stewart provided an update on meetings and items of note since the last meeting. He met with staff of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, had a couple meetings to discuss hangar options in the GA and has an upcoming meeting with Mike Hamlar and his partner to discuss the land they currently lease from RRAC.

Mr. Stewart discussed the announcement by Skywest Airlines, requesting to be released from their Essential Air Service (EAS) commitments due to the ongoing pilot shortage and the impacts at airports such as Shenandoah Valley Airport. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Boettcher traveled to the Routes America Conference, Mr. Boettcher will provide a more detailed updated, and he also references positive news that Mr. Boettcher will be sharing in his update.

Mr. Stewart spoke to the efforts being made to ensure the tower stays open 24 hours. Once a response is received it will be shared with the Commission.

Mr. Stewart also updated the Commission on the rental car companies that are doing business at the airport. Hertz will be re-entering the market on April 1st and will also be leasing property located at 5550 Precision Cir. To be used as a quick turn facility.

Lastly, Mr. Stewart spoke about the budget and upcoming deadlines for state and federal submissions for funding, CIP, BIL, PFC #7.

AIR SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Boettcher and Mr. Stewart traveled to San Antonio for the Routes America Conference and provided an update on each of our current carriers along with other carriers that could enter our market.

Mr. Boettcher also announced that in addition to the Nashville flight through Allegiant, beginning June 6th, Delta will offer daily direct service to LaGuardia.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jon Beard from Star Flight Training spoke to the Commission about a program they will be launching for educators. Any educator can come take a discovery flight at no cost. These flights can assist with lessons in STEM, math, arts, history, English, aviation and many other areas.

FIVE-YEAR LEASE EXTENSION WITH FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION

A report and recommendation that the Commission a resolution authorizing the procurement of employee health insurance coverage for Commission employees through The Local Choice for a period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Mr. Fralin made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the procurement of employee health insurance coverage for Commission employees through The Local Choice for a period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lawrence and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commission members Bishop, Clements, Fralin, Gust, Lawrence, Powers and Guidry.....7.

NAYS:0.

(Report on file in Airport Commission Office.)

(Resolution No. 09-031522 on file in Airport Commission Office.)

INQUIRIES AND/OR COMMENTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. Bishop thanked staff for efforts on budget progress.

Dr. Bishop made a motion that the Commission convene in a closed meeting session to discuss and consider the acquisition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Commission, pursuant to section 2.2-3711.A.(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, related to the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lawrence.

The Commission convened in a Closed Meeting at 9:19 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Dr. Bishop made a motion that with respect to the Closed Meetings just concluded, that each member of the Airport Commission certify to the best of his or her knowledge that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motions by which the Closed Meetings were convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the meetings by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Dr. Clements and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commission members Bishop, Clements, Fralin, Powers and Guidry7.

NAYS: None.....0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Guidry adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary