

The North Little Rock Airport Commission Meeting was held at noon on Thursday, March 28, 2013 in the NLR City Services Building, Conference room A.

Chairman Mark Halter called the meeting to order.

The roll being called, the following Commissioners attended; Matt Chandler, Jim Julian, Mark Halter, Don Blakey, Brad Hughes, Rick Ashley. Mr. Chandler moves to excuse the absence of Toby Burkett. Mr. Julian seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Chandler moves to accept the March minutes. Mr. Julian seconds. The motion carries unanimously. Mr. Hughes moves to approve the minutes from the March Special called meeting. Mr. Chandler seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Rogers says he's getting caught up on grant draw downs. Mr. Chandler moves to accept, Mr. Julian seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Donnie Barnhart lease: Mr. Recaps the lease question. The air spacing hasn't gone through yet. Mr. Rogers proposes covering 50% of the public use taxi way costs. Mr. Barnhart says his overall taxi way costs are about \$15,160, plus the original \$12,714. total. Mr. Rogers says his reasoning is that he thinks it's beneficial for the airport to encourage development and growth. That's an area the airport wants developed, and this is a very low cost way to do it. He thinks because the taxi way becomes ours after it's built, that this helps make sure the construction is up to code. Mr. Julian asks how much is half. Mr. Barnhart says \$13,937. That's half of the overall taxiway costs. Mr. Chandler says he worries about the precedent that will be set. Mr. Chandler says Mr. Barnhart chose that spot, and knew there would be more costs for building there. Mr. Barnhart says he appreciates the commission letting him go ahead and get started when they did. He agrees that he chose that spot, but he was limited in space based on the size hangar he wanted. He wasn't able to build on the west ramp because of the storm drain. Mr. Halter asks how many more hangars could be built in that area. Mr. Rogers says there is room for 3 more hangars the size of Donny's. Mr. Blakey says he doesn't support covering costs of dirt work, but he supports helping with asphalt for the taxi way. Mr. Blakey thinks that's a win/win for us. He wishes Mr. Barnhart would have not started work until this was settled, but he still thinks a taxi way is infrastructure, and this is a way to do it without using airport funds to build it. Mr. Chandler says he just wants everyone to know that this is setting a precedent and we'll have to do this for anyone

who wants the same thing. Mr. Ashley says he understand the concept of what is being proposed. But, this is complicated because he's doing it after the work was done, and because this is the public sector and we don't have the ability to just change policies. Mr. Halter says he likes the concept, especially in terms of rent concessions because it doesn't cost us up front. Mr. Halter says we would need a cap put on it, and be specific with why we do it. Mr. Julian says as far as potential liability, if someone comes to the commission and says you did this for them but not for me, his understanding is they have to prove that their situation is virtually identical to the new situation, and that proves that they are being treated unfairly. Paula Jones says she is hesitant because of the Van Cleeve lawsuit. They alleged that they were treated unfairly. Mr. Julian says if the board decides to give Mr. Barnhart concessions, he still believes we can do this as long as we document what we're doing, and why, and what the circumstances in this situation that dictate why we're doing it. Mr. Julian says he agrees that its good we now have a taxi way leading to a new area of development that we wouldn't have otherwise, and that the airport commission has been talking about wanting more development. He thinks there is value there. He says we shouldn't just open up our wallets and say we'll do it every time because we don't know what it would be or how much, so we need to put a cap on it. We should say if we can prove a common benefit to the airport, we will consider concessions up to a cap of X. Mr. Ashley says we should make it very general, so that the commission can consider each situation individually. Mr. Julian has to leave the meeting early. Mr. Hughes says he doesn't want to give concessions any longer than 3 years worth of rent. Mr. Halter suggests that Mr. Rogers write something up for next meeting explaining exactly what we're doing and why. Mr. Rogers says he will write something up for next meeting.

### **New Business**

Lighting update: Blake Roberson says the contracts are being drawn up, with an estimated start time of early May. Mr. Rogers will let everyone know the schedule as it gets closer to time.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Roberson says he's covered his information in the lighting project discussion and lease discussion.

### **Security Report**

Lt. Honeycutt informs the commission there was a altercation outside a hangar, and the instigator has been banned from the airport for harassment. He is keep an eye on the situation.

**Directors Report**

Mr. Rogers says he is working on organizing a fly-in in late spring or early summer.

**Public Comment**

None.

Mr. Chandler moves to adjourn. Mr. Hughes seconds. The vote carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.