

AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

December 10, 2013

4:00 P.M.

Eastern Conference Room

The following were present at the Danville Regional Airport Commission Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

Attendees:

Marc Adelman, Director	Helm Dobbins	Keith Chauvin, Rifenburg Const.
Charles Ellis, Chairman	Mark Stevens	Billy Faircloth, Barnes & Powell Elect.
John Lippert, Vice. Chair.	Mick Metcalf, TB&E, Inc.	Alan Spencer, Asst. City Atty.
Gene Jackson	Eric DeDominicis, M. Baker, Inc.	Libby Rembold, General Aviation
Donna Benz	Chris Oehman, M. Baker, Inc.	Bruce Newcomb, Maintenance Supt.
Joe Miller	Joe Starbuck, Rifenburg Const.	Lisa Bivens, Admin. Asst.

Approval of Minutes

Helm Dobbins moved that the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting be accepted and Gene Jackson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Maintenance Update

Bruce Newcomb informed the Commission that new glass was installed in the northeast corner of the Operations Tower. The old section of glass was damaged causing poor visibility. Newcomb also mentioned that Runway 13/31 has reopened and the GPS approach has been authorized for use. Dr. Lippert and Libby Rembold expressed concern about the information that pilots are receiving through the federal government regarding the status of the runway. Discussion continued.

Runway 13/31 PAPIS Flight Check

Due to the recent snow storms in the Oklahoma area the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) staff person responsible for coordinating flight checks with airports has not been available to schedule a flight check for Runway 31's PAPI. Newcomb said he will continue to make efforts to schedule the flight check.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

A letter was recently received from the FAA regarding the status of the Danville Regional Airport's capital improvement program. The program identifies funds would be used to complete design work to rehabilitate Taxiway Alpha during FY2015. The construction portion of the project is programmed to be completed in FY2017. Adelman said that he wanted to make sure the Commission is still in favor of moving forward with these projects. Kyle Allison of the FAA Washington Airport District Office has requested that a conference call be set up with the airport, FAA and State to discuss the overall capital program for Danville. *Mark Stevens made a motion for the Commission to support the capital improvement projects currently identified in the program and Gene Jackson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.*

Update on Runway 2/20 Rehabilitation Project

Several company representatives involved with the Runway 2/20 project were present at the December Airport Commission meeting to discuss the status of the project. Currently, Runway 2/20 is completely closed. An aerial diagram of Runway 2/20 was distributed to help clarify project issues.

Last week the general contractor expressed interest in the possibility of a winter shutdown. However, Adelman mentioned that it is the airport's interest for the general contractor to continue work through the winter under certain conditions to expedite construction activities. The general contractor has agreed to work during the winter and updated the Commission on work that could potentially be completed. The first work to be done would be the removal of the shoulders of the runway. This would involve moving about 30,000 cubic yards of dirt and the installation of about 100 yards of pipe on the south end. After that work is finished crack repair work would be completed and then the chip seal and single surface treatment would be applied to the surface of the runway. Discussion continued.

Adelman said there are a number of variables that could impact the ability of the general contractor to successfully complete this work during the winter months. In addition, related work activities will involve coordination with other companies. For example, the general contractor will not be able to pave and apply surface treatment unless the temperature is 45 degrees and rising and they will also need to coordinate with the asphalt plant to heat up the asphalt which takes two to three days to complete. Due to this situation there may be good weather days that the contractor will not be working due to coordination requirements. Discussion continued.

In the past there has been some discussion concerning the possibility of the primary runway reopening temporarily as a BII runway if it cannot be opened as a CII runway initially. Runway 13/31 is designated as a BII runway because it supports aircraft with slower approach speeds than Runway 2/20 and as a result the width of its RSA (150') from the runway centerline is smaller in size than the width of the RSA (500') for Runway 2/20. Therefore, if Runway 2/20 was designated as a BII runway it would allow sediment traps that are located between 150' and 500' from the centerline to fall outside the RSA and increase the probability that the runway would open earlier. This temporary classification must be approved and coordinated by the FAA. Discussion continued.

Lighting Issues and Patch Work on Runway 13/31

Adelman indicated that in preparing to reopen Runway 13/31 it was discovered that lighting issues exist along Taxiway F. Wiring and other electrical parts have deteriorated and need to be replaced in order to provide reliable service. Adelman asked representatives from Barnes and Powell to compile a cost estimate to complete this work. He further stated that once a quote is received for the project that he will submit a funding request to the state.

In addition to the lighting issue it was discovered after Runway 13/31 was reopened that an area of soft asphalt existed near the edge of the runway. The patchwork needed to repair the soft pavement will take approximately two hours to complete and the entire runway will have to be closed during this time. The completion of this work will be coordinated with General Aviation Inc. and Averett University.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Danville Regional Airport's Eastern Conference Room.**