

AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

March 11, 2014

4:00 P.M.

Eastern Conference Room

The following were present at the Danville Regional Airport Commission Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Attendees:

Marc Adelman, Director	Mark Stevens	Alan Spencer, Asst. City Atty.
Charles Ellis, Chairman	Gene Jackson	Libby Rembold, General Aviation
Helm Dobbins	Donna Benz	Bruce Newcomb, Maintenance Supt.
Joseph Miller	Ken Larking, Deputy City Mgr.	Lisa Bivens, Admin. Asst.
Hampton Wilkins		

Approval of Minutes

Gene Jackson moved that the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting be accepted and Hampton Wilkins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Arresting Gear installation to support Lynchburg Air Show

Adelman informed the Commission that Jones Stanley, Chairman of the Lynchburg Air Show group contacted him recently to inquire whether the Commission has approved allowing arresting gear to be installed at the airport to meet the requirements of the Blue Angels. Adelman notified the Commission that he believed the airport should be closed if arresting gear were installed due to the associated risk and did not support closing the airport for this purpose. Discussion continued. After discussion it was decided that the airport should follow up with the Lynchburg airport and try and get more information about related issues.

Short term lease arrangement with Duke Energy

Adelman said Duke Energy is seeking to base a helicopter at the airport on a short term basis to complete line work in the area. The aircraft is a McDonald Douglas 500 Delta. Adelman said the he met with Duke Energy's representative and the pilot for Atkinson Trucking to discuss the possibility of storing the helicopter in the 80' x 80' corporate hangar with Atkinson's plane. The pilot felt that both aircraft could be placed in the hangar so that neither aircraft would have to move for the other to get out of the hangar. Duke Energy indicated they anticipate the helicopter would be based at the airport for approximately two and a half months while the company completes line repair work. A draft lease was provided for their attorney to review.

Taxiway F Lighting Update / PAPI Flight Check Update

Bruce Newcomb informed the Commission that the Taxiway F lighting project is approximately two-thirds complete. The contractor encountered problems this week with the regulator surging causing bulbs to blow. The company is troubleshooting this problem to detect where the problem is located so repairs can be made. A NOTAM may need to be issued indicating that the taxiway lights are out of service until the problems can be fixed. Newcomb said that he should know more by tomorrow afternoon about what is causing the problem.

Budget Review

Adelman said that he is scheduled to meet with City Council tonight in work session to discuss the Airport and Mass Transit budgets. Last year during the budget meeting there were some questions from Council regarding the Runway 13/31 Rehabilitation project which is listed in the City of Danville's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as a project to be completed during FY2017. The estimated cost for this project is identified at \$4,200,000 with no federal or state funding available to subsidize the project cost. This amount is to support a 4" mill and overlay. Adelman said that when Adams Construction milled Runway 13/31's centerline he asked the company for a cost estimate to complete a 2" mill and overlay for the entire runway. The cost estimate provided was approximately \$700,000 to mill and overlay only Runway 13/31. One of the big issues with this project is the depth of the cracks along the runway and related repair needs. If cracks are more than 2" deep then additional milling and paving may be recommended and the cost would be greater to rehabilitate the runway. The cost estimate provided by Adams Construction did not include pavement repairs to Taxiway F nor did it include applying surface treatment or narrowing of the shoulders along Runway 13/31. Adelman said he plans to share this information with Council if any questions are asked about this project.

Also included in the CIP for this year are the funds to replace the current medium intensity beacon with a high intensity beacon at the cost of \$10,000.

Runway 2/20 Rehabilitation Project Status

Adelman informed the Commission that he met with the general contractor today and that the company expects it is possible that by the first week in April that all of the paving work for Runway 2/20 could be completed. Currently all of the crack sealing and the installation of the under drain and pipe along the south end of the runway is complete. Today, the general contractor was prepping the shoulders for paving and getting ready for the surface treatment to be applied. The resident inspector indicated that it will take about two more weeks before the installation of the edge light cans is completed.

After the paving work is complete temporary runway markings will be placed on the runway. The runway will be grooved thirty days after the paving work is finished. It is anticipated that the grooving and permanent runway markings will be done in May. Another issue that must be resolved is the status of the drainage inlets as they relate to runway safety area requirements. Currently, concrete blocks border several inlets to support drainage requirements and these objects must be removed before the primary runway is opened.

Special Event Planning Update

Adelman said that per the suggestion of Hampton Wilkins, he communicated with the Riverview Rotary Club about possibly partnering with Danville Air Show Inc. to hold another air show. Adelman said that he spoke briefly with Gary Tucker, President Elect of the Riverview Rotary about this possibility. Since then the Rotary Board has met and requested more details about their possible involvement. Adelman said that he will meet with Gary Tucker tomorrow afternoon to talk about a variety of issues related to planning another show but primarily about corporate sponsorship. Adelman said that he intends to inform the Rotary that a target of \$30,000 in corporate sponsorship should be received to hold another event. However, if that target is not achieved then the event should not be held.

Closed Meeting

The meeting was recessed and reconvened into closed meeting.

The meeting was adjourned following the closed meeting at 5:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Danville Regional Airport's Eastern Conference Room.**