



Rutherford County Airport Authority

289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Monday, May 6, 2024, 4:00 pm

I. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Benfield called the May 6, 2024, meeting of the Airport Authority to order.

Present: 3 Michael Benfield, Bryan King, and David Hunt

Absent: 2 Alan Toney and Greg Lovelace

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Michael Benfield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hunt and seconded by Member King to approve the agenda. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 3 Member King, Chairman Benfield, and Vice Chairman Hunt

Nay: 0

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Agenda

[ID 24-3716](#)

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A motion was made by Member Bryan King and seconded Vice Chairman David Hunt to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Member King, Chairman Benfield, and Vice Chairman Hunt

Nay: 0

IV. Director's/Financial Report

[ID 24-3729](#)

Financial Report

Airport Director Devon Raisch reported on the Financial Report and noted all was trending well to date. He mentioned the Software line item was at its peak because of having to pay for flight tracking, but one half of the cost of flight tracking will come back to the Airport due to grant monies and balance out the line item at the end of the year.

V. Informational Updates

[ID 24-3730](#)

Informational Updates

Director Raisch gave updates on the following:

- **Fuel sales had a little slump but should trend upward as more traffic flows through during the summer months.**
- **The HART Program utilized the RC airfield to park aircrafts and fuel aircrafts.**
- **The Boy Scout Jamboree was held on May 4, 2024 at the airport with approximately 170 scouts in attendance. Over 160 flights were offered, along with classes on aviation, enabling scouts to obtain their aviation badges.**
- **Working through details on several projects and events, including the Fall Fly-In Event.**

Information only.

VI. New Business

[ID 24-3749](#)

Decommissioning of Localizer and Terminate Contract with ILS Technical Services, Inc. (Approach Equipment Service)

Director Devon Raisch presented a request to decommission the LOC/DME Approach and terminate contract with ILS Technical Service, Inc. for airport approach equipment for the Board's consideration.

A motion was made by Member Bryan King and seconded by Vice Chairman Hunt to approve the Decommission of the LOC/DME Approach and terminate contract with ILS Technical Service, Inc. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Member Bryan King, Vice Chairman David Hunt, and
Chairman Michael Benfield

Nay: 0

ID-24-3774 Hangar 9B Loan Request for Consideration

Director Raisch presented a request submitted by Hangar 9B Lessee Mark Berry to procure a loan from local bank against Hangar 9B subject to the Airport Director working with the Airport Attorney to negotiate terms of such approval consistent with existing lease and Rutherford Airport Authority policy and authorized the Airport Director and Chairman of the Airport Authority to execute all documents in support of this action.

A motion was made by Member Bryan King and seconded by Vice Chairman Hunt to approve the Hangar 9B Loan Request submitted by Mark Berry, Lessee of Hangar 9B, subject to the Airport Director working with the Airport Attorney to negotiate terms of such approval consistent with existing lease and Rutherford Airport Authority policy and authorized the Airport Director and Chairman of the Airport Authority to execute all documents in support of this action.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Member King, Vice Chairman Hunt, and Chairman Benfield

Nay: 0

ID-24-3771 Varied Annual Box Hangar Rate

Director Devon Raisch recommended the Box Hangar fee schedule be adjusted to accommodate a varied annual rate for Box Hangars with facilities. At present, the Annual Box Hangar Rate is \$1.84 per square foot. An additional rate of \$0.36 per square foot was recommended for hangars with full facilities, bringing the total rate to \$2.20 per square foot for hangars with full facilities. This rate scale will help offset the annual maintenance cost of renting hangars with facilities. The Varied Annual Box Hangar Rate was presented to the Board for consideration.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hunt and seconded by Member Bryan King to approve the Varied Annual Box Hangar Rate. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Member King, Chairman Benfield, and Vice Chairman Hunt

Nay: 0

ID 24-3750 Requested Budget 2024-2025

Director Devon Raisch presented the 2024-2025 budget and noted it was fairly even

with last year's operational services with the exception of a couple of additional items. He asked that the board approve requested budget for 2024-2025 so it is available to the County Manager as the County budget is being considered by the County Commissioners.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hunt and seconded by Member Bryan King to approve requested budget for 2024-2025 so it is available to the County Manager as the County budget is being considered by the County Commissioners. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Member King, Chairman Benfield, and Vice Chairman Hunt

Nay: 0

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Benfield called the meeting to adjourn.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hunt and seconded by Member Bryan King to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 Vice Chairman Hunt, Chairman Benfield, and Member King

Nay: 0

Chairman, Airport Authority

Vice Chairman, Airport Authority

Attest:

Secretary to the Airport Authority