

New Kent County Airport Advisory Commission 19 January, 2005

Minutes

The regular meeting of the New Kent Airport Advisory Commission was held on January 19, 2005 at the New Kent County Airport. Commission members present were:

Mr. Bill Jeffries
Mr. Pat Wilson

Mr. Eugene Williams

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

Staff Report

County CIP - Mr. Kelly gave a brief explanation of the County's new procedure for developing the long range capital improvement plan. The plan must first be reviewed by the planning commission, and then their recommendations are sent to the Board of Supervisors. The Airport's CIP was approved as submitted.

Timber Harvesting for Profit – In response to Mr. Williams's questions from the previous meeting, Mr. Kelly explained that should the trees be harvested for profit from the proposed T-hangar site, it would probably cost more to clear the stumps later, than if the trees were still attached. Additionally, the tree clearing would require a separate environmental assessment since the clearing would move outside of the scope initially planned for the site-prep. To the County's advantage is the fact that the site-prep would be funded 80% by the state. Should we decide to move forward with selling the timber (which would also require an RFP), the cost of clearing afterwards would largely be absorbed by the state.

State ACIP Submission – Although the balance in the state's Airport Capital Improvement Fund is below \$10,000, the hangar site-prep project was submitted for the February VAB meeting. Although Mr. Kelly does not expect the hangar site-prep project to get funded due to the low fund balance, there is always a chance that another airport

will return a Tentative Allocation resulting in an increase in the balance. He did expect that a request for fire extinguisher funding would get approved.

House Bill 1603 – A bill was introduced in the General Assembly that would take \$5,000,000 a year out of the state's capital improvement fund to subsidize low cost air carriers. The bill would only benefit 6 airports in the state and negatively impact 68. The airports that the bill was designed to benefit were not in favor of the bill citing impacts on their capital improvement program. State wide, airports stood to lose approximately \$15,000,000 in federal funding due to the loss of state matches for certain projects. The bill was successfully fought by the airports as the finance sub-committee decided to pass over the bill indefinitely.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for March 16, 2005 at 6:00pm. The meeting was adjourned.

New Kent County Airport Advisory Commission 18 May 2005

Minutes

The regular meeting of the New Kent Airport Advisory Commission was held on May 18, 2005 at the New Kent County Airport. Commission members present were:

Mr. Bill Jeffries
Mr. Pat Wilson
Mr. Bill Martin

Mr. Eugene Williams
Mr. Bill Simpson
Mr. Stran Trout

Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

Staff Report

Runway project tour- scheduled for the end of the meeting.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business was discussed.

New Business

Young Eagles Day- scheduled for June 4, 2005. Planned activities include Young Eagles flights and a cook out for all of the children and parents.

Aviation Safety Day-scheduled for June 11, 2005. A first for the New Kent Airport. Program includes presentations by the FAA and DOAV and DVD presentations on risk management and decision making. Also two featured speakers: Dr. Jim Ross speaking on the use of over the counter medications, and a representative from the aviation weather office at the Richmond airport. Participation will count towards the FAA's Wings Certification.

Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for July 20, 2005 at 6:00pm. The meeting was adjourned and members were invited to tour the runway rehabilitation project.

New Kent County Airport Advisory Commission 20 July 2005

Minutes

The regular meeting of the New Kent Airport Advisory Commission was held on July 20, 2005 at the New Kent County Airport. Commission members present were:

Mr. Bill Jeffries

Mr. Bill Simpson

Mr. Pat Wilson

Mr. Stran Trout attended representing the Board of Supervisors.

Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

Staff Report

Runway Project Update Bill Kelly reported that the runway project was substantially complete with the exception of some runway lighting repair and some seeding and grading. The project was slightly under budget

Hangar Project Update Low bid for the t-hangar project was for approximately \$1.2 million. A general discussion followed about the problems involved with bidding projects in the summer that will not go to construction until the following spring. Negotiations have begun with Horizon Enterprises to get costs down. A grant application has been made to the state for the site preparation portion of the project.

Fuel Prices Fuel prices continue to escalate with no apparent relief in the near future. Most recent purchase was \$0.40 higher than the previous load.

Lighting System The runway edge lights have been problematic since the completion of the runway overlay. Numerous isolation transformers had to be dug up and replaced to get the system fully functional.

Unfinished Business

FBO RFP There were no bids for the FBO. Interest was expressed by Heart of Virginia Aviation but through a misunderstanding in the RFP language, they thought that the requirements were too restrictive. Since there were no bids, negotiations will begin with Heart of Virginia to come to an agreement.

New Business

Mr. Pat Wilson gave a brief presentation about the plans for the "Festival of Flight". General discussions followed about what types of activities might be appealing to draw in County residents.

Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for September 21, 2005 at 6:00pm. The meeting was adjourned.

New Kent County Airport Advisory Commission 16 November 2005

Minutes

The regular meeting of the New Kent Airport Advisory Commission was held on November 16, 2005 at the New Kent County Airport. Commission members present were:

Mr. Bill Jeffries
Mr. Pat Wilson
Mr. Bill Martin

Mr. Stran Trout

Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

Staff Report

Bennett Property Issues - Staff reported that Dr. Bennett had submitted plans for additional development on his property and that his intentions were to rent hangar space. Aside from the obvious conflicts with security, revenue diversion, and safety, Mr. Kelly explained that the County opens itself up to considerable liability by allowing aircraft to taxi from an unapproved and unimproved taxiway directly onto the runway at midfield. The potential lawsuits resulting from a landing aircraft hitting an aircraft accessing from the Bennett property were real and forever if the county allows potentially 32 aircraft access to the runway. The potential lawsuit from Dr. Bennett to keep his access would pale in comparison to one resulting from a midfield crash.

Hangar Grants/Loan – Mr. Kelly explained that the VAB had approved grants totaling approximately \$580,000 for the hangar development. A loan or County appropriation would be necessary to cover the difference between the estimates and the bid price.

VAOC Maintenance Workshop – Mr. Kelly explained that he had been in charge of organizing and running the two day Maintenance Workshop for the Virginia Airport Operators Council. The workshop was attended by 75 participants from airports in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. Event cleared about \$3500 for the Council.

Obstruction Removal – A recent 5010 inspection had identified several obstruction off of the ends of the runway. The some of the obstructions had been removed and the rest would be removed as part of 2 additional projects.

Unfinished Business

Since the previous meeting had been cancelled, Mr. Pat Wilson, event Chairman, reported on the September Fly-In. The event was very well attended by both visiting aircraft and County residents. Originally plans had been made to move the event to the spring, but a decision had been made to keep on the same weekend due to the success of the previous one.

New Business

Mr. Jeffries asked if the sign to the airport entrance could be moved to increase visibility. Mr. Kelly said that he would investigate.

Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2006 at 6:00pm. The meeting was adjourned.