

# **New Kent County Airport Advisory Commission 26 March 2008**

## **Minutes**

The regular meeting of the New Kent Airport Advisory Commission was held on March 26, 2008 at the New Kent County Airport. Commission members present were:

Mr. Eugene Williams  
Mr. Bill Jeffries  
Mr. Bill Simpson

Mr. Pat Wilson

## **Election of Officers**

Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Jeffries as Chair and Mr. Simpson and Vice-Chair for the 08 Airport Advisory Commission. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## **Citizen Comment**

There were no citizen comments.

## **Staff Report**

Hangar Project The hangar project is substantially complete. There is some minor permanent seeding and grading to be completed and a downspout issue that needs to be resolved. Other than the delay getting the building on site, the project went reasonably smoothly.

State Obstruction Regulations At the last meeting of the Virginia Aviation Board, the Board voted to begin restricting funding to airports with transitional obstructions. In the past, their policy was to restrict funding only if you had approach obstructions. The New Kent Airport does not have any approach obstructions, but does have transitional obstructions. There is little or no impact on current operations because the state suspended their special fund programs due to lower than projected revenue, but it could affect the next capital funding cycle.

Bill Kelly explained that a committee had been formed by the Virginia Airport Operator's Council to study the issue and make a recommendation to the VAB. He felt

that the VAB would probably rescind the policy once they understood the widespread impact that it would have on the development of the state's airports.

FAA and State Funding The FAA has finally had its funding program reauthorized, but at reduced amounts. Typically the New Kent Airport is eligible for \$150,000 per year in entitlement funding. The program for FY08 basically authorizes  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a typical year, reducing entitlements to a little over \$112,000 this year. The state and federal ACIP's will be adjusted to address the issues with the transitional surfaces, clear the GPS approaches, and make "pen and ink" revisions to the ALP.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mr. Simpson asked about the status of the Bennett issue. Mr. Kelly explained that the litigation had progressed to the discovery phase. There was some general discussion about the implications of a through the fence operator.

### **New Business**

There was no New Business discussed.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2008. The meeting was adjourned.

# **New Kent County Airport Advisory Commission 28 May 2008**

## **Minutes**

The regular meeting of the New Kent Airport Advisory Commission was held on May 28, 2008 at the New Kent County Airport. Commission members present were:

Mr. Eugene Williams  
Mr. Bill Jeffries  
Mr. Bill Simpson

Mr. Pat Wilson

## **Citizen Comment**

There were no citizen comments.

## **Staff Report**

State Transitional Surface Policy The Virginia Aviation Board had instituted new policy making airports with PART 77 Transitional Obstructions ineligible for any funding other than obstruction removal projects. At their May meeting they rescinded the policy on the grounds that they did not realize that would so profoundly reduce airport development throughout the state. A transitional obstruction is not necessarily a "Hazard to Navigation". Transitional Obstructions at W96 are part of the current federal program and hopefully will be removed by Christmas.

State and Federal ACIPs The state and federal ACIPs have been adjusted to move obstruction removal projects forward. The new federal program will be an as built ALP update and associated Drawings and an obstruction removal project. The Obstruction Removal project will be phase so that environmental approvals and permitting requirements can be addressed prior to bidding the project.

Minimum Standards Revision The airport manager is in the process of revising the minimum standards to address possible activities on Dr. Bennett's property. The document will have to be reviewed by the FAA and DOAV, and then approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Status of Bennett Suit      The court has issued (at the request of attorneys from both sides) a temporary order allowing Dr. Bennett to rent hangar space for aircraft and giving them access to the runway. Further provisions are being negotiated.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business discussed

### **New Business**

There was no New Business discussed

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2008. The meeting was adjourned.

# **New Kent County Airport Advisory Commission 19 November 2008**

## **Minutes**

The regular meeting of the New Kent Airport Advisory Commission was held on November 19, 2008 at the New Kent County Airport. Commission members present were:

Mr. Eugene Williams  
Mr. Bill Jeffries  
Mr. Bill Simpson

Mr. Pat Wilson

## **Citizen Comment**

There were no citizen comments.

## **Staff Report**

Obstruction Removal Project      The kick off meeting for the ALP Update and Obstruction removal project was scheduled for December 11, 2008. The project will include a pen and ink update to the existing Airport Layout Plan as well as obstruction analysis and removal for the proposed GPS approaches. The project is funded 95/3/2 FAA/DOAV/Local and is going to be phased. Phase I will include the ALP Update and obstruction analysis. Phase II will include any easement acquisition and environmental certifications required, and Phase III will be the actual clearing and Grubbing.

Budget Issues      The FY10 budget for the airport is due to be submitted in early December. All budget requests must include a minimum of 3% reduction below last FY09 budgets. (As an update, shortly before budgets were submitted, the requested reduction went to 6% below FY09)

NPRM for Charter Operations at Small Airports      A Notice of Proposed Rule Making has been issued that could potentially be very costly for small airports that receive charter aircraft. While these new rules would not directly impact the New Kent Airport as it is currently used, they may as smaller jets come on line that would be able to operate in and out of New Kent. At issue are requirements for certain security measures involving passengers and baggage that could become costly.

FAA Funding Again the FAA has only been authorized to issue grants for a six month program. At this point, what that means is that we only have half of our usual \$150,000 in Entitlement funding available to go under grant. Since the ALP Update project is phased, this restriction will not immediately affect us.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business Discussed

### **New Business**

The Christmas Open House was scheduled for December 12, 2009

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2008. The meeting was adjourned.