

CITY OF CHARLOTTE
FITCH H. BEACH AIRPORT – AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
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Monday, April 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

By Chairman Joe Pray Monday April 18, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Joe Pray, board members Jeff Wildern, Dr. Ed Foster, Richard Deer and Dave Roberts. Absent was board member David Argo.

Also in attendance were Airport Manager Todd Cotter; Community Development Director Bryan Myrkle, City Councilman Anthony Rodriguez, City Manager Erin LaPere, City Clerk Mary LaRocque, guest speaker Tim Davis from 4D Acquisition and Consulting LLC and from the public, resident Jeff Shaud.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Jeff Shaud mentioned that the markings look wonderful.

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Tree removal project – easement acquisition update

Community Development Director Myrkle began by summarizing the easement acquisition project.

Tim Davis, from 4D Acquisitions and Consulting LLC, has been working to negotiate the purchase of said easements with four properties. One has an accepted offer; the second is working out issues from the owner having future plans in mind to use the property for a marijuana grow facility and the other two parcels

are owned by one owner who operates a Mobile Home Park and is in the phase of determining fair market values.

- b. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & other stimulus funds

Reported by Myrkle; this funding will double the yearly state and federal funding that the airport receives currently from \$150k to \$300k yearly for the next five years, and it eliminates the matching funds requirement. There will be available a two-time \$30k of unrestricted funds for airport operations. A Capital improvement plan that was developed a few years ago was submitted for members to review.

- c. Farmland lease and roof replacement bid letting

A bid proposal to lease the airport hayfields has been issued.

In the works is a Request for Proposal (RFP) to roofing contractors to obtain an evaluation on the current conditions and give recommendations for repair of the maintenance hangar roof.

The Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is stuck in Lansing, updates are requested monthly.

Frontier Day's at the fairgrounds is doing a Father's Day pancake breakfast. Discussion included seeking a new date if it was desired for the board to continue the pancake breakfast.

- d. Airport Manager's report

Todd issued notice to a nearby bridge building construction project that will involve the use of a tall crane that may affect navigable airspace.

His plans include the following items; ditch cleaning, sidewalk by hangars, MDOT 3-year inspection, fence project, mowing, and above-ground fuel tank inspection.

Of the leased hangars, 3 are currently empty with possible leases of two coming in May.

His wish list includes a fuel reader device for the fuel tanks, landscape stone removal, disabled ramp at the backdoor and new windows for the airport commons building.

He mentioned the potential of a Corporation interested in leasing a hangar but the requirements would include offering Jet-A fuel and of course, clearing of the trees in the areas on the properties of the pending easement acquisition.

- e. Other reports & updates as may be necessary

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Shaud had questions about leaded and unleaded fuel.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board member Wildern was excused from the meeting earlier. Motion by Pray supported by Deer to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. Carried; Yes (4); No (0); Absent (2).

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk