

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Stephen Lowe
Edward "Earl" Maine
Gary Cutlip
Frank Buchanan, III
Joseph C. Straten
David G. Anderson

Absent: John R. White

Guest Present: See Attachment

The Virginia Highlands Airport Authority Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in conference room "A" of the Terminal Building. Mr. Lowe, Chairman, determined that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order. Also present were Mickey Hines, Airport Manager, Jim Elliott, Airport Attorney, Kristy Miller, Executive Assistant, and Amber Miller, Airport Secretary.

Mr. Lowe stated that the first order of business will be an advertised public hearing, followed by the Board of Directors consideration of a resolution authorizing the Authority to condemn property.

Mr. Lowe opened the floor for from anyone who had signed up to address the Board of Directors.

The following addresses the Board:

Mr. Steve Hodges
Dr. Fred Gent

Mr. Lowe read out loud the Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property by Condemnation.

Mr. Maine moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property by Condemnation. Mr. Straten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Lowe recognized Mr. Straten for being awarded the Department of Defense Volunteer of the Year for Virginia and was recognized by the White House for giving 500+ hours of volunteer service to the military.

Mr. Lowe called for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting April 13, 2015.

Mr. Maine moved to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2015. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lowe called for the Financial Report.

Mr. Cutlip gave the Financial Report.

Mr. Lowe called for the Manager's Report.

Mr. Hines gave the Manager's Report.

Ms. Amber Miller gave the Board an update on the rental house.

Discussion ensued.

The Board recommended to get two (2) to three (3) other people to take a look at the water system at the rental house.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hines continued with the Manager's Report.

Mr. Hines introduced Mr. Doug Sander from Delta Airport Consultants, Inc.

Mr. Sander gave the Board an update on the Runway 6 Extension Project.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Lowe called for the Operations Committee Report.

Mr. Maine stated that the Operations Committee had not met.

Mr. Lowe called for the Development Committee Report

Mr. Buchanan stated that the Development Committee had not met.

Mr. Lowe called for Unfinished Business.

None

Mr. Lowe called for New Business.

Mr. Lowe asked the Operation Committee to meet before the June Board Meeting to review the Proposed FY 15/16 Budget.

Mr. Lowe asked the Development Committee to meet before the June Board Meeting to discuss the condition of Group 1 T-Hangars.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Lowe called for Public comments.

None

Mr. Buchanan moved to adjourn. Mr. Straten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.



David Anderson, Secretary



Stephen Lowe, Chairman

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BY CONDEMNATION

WHEREAS, Virginia Highlands Airport Authority (the "Authority") is a public body in the Commonwealth of Virginia, organized pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5.1 of the Code of Virginia as the airport authority for Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates Virginia Highlands Airport (the "Airport"), a general aviation airport near Abingdon, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is engaged in a project to extend the length of Runway 6 at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Authority must acquire a fee simple interest in a 6.26-acre portion of Dr. Gent's real property for the Runway Protection Zone, obstruction removal, localizer access, and drainage structures; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is presently engaged in negotiations with Dr. Gent to acquire the necessary property by voluntary agreement; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 of Title 5.1 of the Code of Virginia empowers the Authority to acquire property for airport purposes, including by condemnation if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is a public corporation as that term is defined in Va. Code Ann. § 1-219.1(B); and

WHEREAS, the Airport is an airport and transportation facility, making it a public facility as that term is defined in Va. Code Ann. § 1-219.1(B); and


WHEREAS, the above-described property acquisition has the public use and purpose of improving safety for aircraft using the airport and for surrounding property owners and users, in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration requirements, the Constitution of Virginia, and the Code of Virginia, including Va. Code Ann. § 1-219.1; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has conducted a public hearing during its regular meeting this Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00pm, to consider acquisition of the above-described property by condemnation if necessary;

It is HEREBY RESOLVED that the Authority is authorized to acquire by condemnation, if necessary, a fee simple interest in a 6.26-acre portion of Tax Parcel Nos. 124-A-29 and 124-A-29A for the Runway Protection Zone, obstruction removal, localizer access, and drainage structures for extended Runway 6 at the Airport.

This resolution is effective immediately. The Executive Director and legal counsel for the Authority are hereby directed to take the actions necessary to acquire the above-described property, including continuing to negotiate a voluntary sale and purchase thereof within available or reasonably expected Federal Aviation Authority financing.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 2015 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority, by a majority of the Directors present and voting, a quorum existing.


Secretary