

**CURRITUCK COUNTY
AIRPORT ADVISORY AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MEETING OF
APRIL 26, 2006**

The regular monthly meeting of the CCAAA was held on April 26, 2006, at the Terminal Building Conference Room. Members present: Tracy Eure, Chair, Tom Brady, Denise Hall, Ed Ish, Bob Kohler, and Jerry Old. Also present: Commissioner Paul Martin, Wayne Leary, Economic Development Director. Guests: Bobby Dupree and Dave Messina. Absent: Richard Turner.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Eure called the meeting to order.
2. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda** – Mr. Kohler added Status of FBO under Old Business. Chairman Eure added a comment on Hangars under Old Business. Mr. Kohler moved to approve agenda as amended. Ms. Hall seconded the motion. Agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Kohler moved to approve the March 15, 2006, minutes as submitted. Mr. Old seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
4. **NC Airports Association Annual Conference Report** – Chairman Eure remarked that everyone who went had a good time and learned a lot. Mr. Kohler was impressed with the number of vendors and the amount of information they offered. Mr. Leary indicated that he had talked with a representative from Erect-A-Tube who would be sending information on hangar construction programs. He had talked with the Division of Aviation about advertising for an RFQ to work with one contractor for building construction for the next five years. Mr. Leary also commented on the information given at the conference work sessions, and emphasized the need for continued diligence on wildlife management and control. Commissioner Martin advised him to talk with Ms. Sikes at the Animal Shelter about removal of geese. He also noted that the construction of the proposed security fence would deter some wildlife from entering the airport area. Mr. Ish indicated that the conference also emphasized the need to assure that all pilots and businesses maintained proper insurance coverage. Mr. Leary indicated that leases require insurance coverage. GPS approaches were discussed and various guidance systems were mentioned. Mr. Ish talked about a wireless feed surveillance camera system which was shown at the conference and felt that this would be a valuable addition to the airport for safety and security. This was discussed and members agreed that this would be desirable in the future.

Chairman Eure thanked Mr. Brady for flying members to the conference and a letter was to be sent to Mr. Frank Bernard thanking him for the use of his plane. Mr. Kohler asked that the minutes reflect that Mr. Leary had

been appointed to serve as the Division 1 representative on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Airports Association.

5. **Progress Report for 23 Approach Zone** – Mr. Leary reported that Talbert & Bright and surveyor had visited the day before and declared that all trees which needed to be cut were on the ground. Hauling was proceeding. He would know the following day when the temporary threshold would be stripped and new markings applied. He hoped for a quick turnaround so the end of the runway could be opened. He also related that JoAnn Snowden had visited with him at the airport and that she was pleased with how the trees had been cut leaving a buffer near her home.

6. **Old Business**

- **Blackwater Runway** – Mr. Leary related that the Blackwater runway was probably completed as plans were to have planes on it by April 28. He didn't feel there would be any problem with airspace or impact on the county airport. He was of the opinion that they would still use Currituck Airport for commercial flights while the Moyock site would be for tactical operations.
- **FBO Status** – Mr. Leary did not believe Southern Aviation would be coming to Currituck as Southern had not been responsive to attempted communications. Mr. Kohler asked about the status of an FBO. Mr. Leary had talked with SeaAir and felt they were interested. Commissioner Martin related that the building had been approved and was awaiting specifications by the FBO before the design could be completed and construction begun.
- **Hangar Building** – Mr. Kohler noted that the federal government was proposing to cut funding for airports and any requests should be made as soon as possible. Commissioner Martin related that the commissioners were in favor of the county building the hangars rather than an outside contractor. Mr. Brady suggested that the County proceed with construction of the large building and lease the hangar space until an FBO was contracted. Commissioner Martin offered to take that suggestion to the BOC. After discussion, the Authority agreed to recommend building the 10,000 square foot building already approved, allowing those on the waiting list to use the space on a 30-day lease basis until an FBO agreement is reached. Commissioner Martin was to discuss the recommendation with the BOC at their next meeting. He was also to check with the County Manager to determine the status of contracting the hangar building.
- **Hangar Waiting List** – Chairman Eure noted the rules and regulations need to be examined for possible revision so the rules and waiting list can be posted at the Airport. A work session was scheduled for Wednesday,

May 3, 7:00 pm for those who could attend. Any findings would be brought back to the regular Authority meeting for action.

7. **New Business**

- **Aviation Day** – Chairman Eure stated that the Authority would like to sponsor an Aviation Day and asked Mr. Messina to assist. Mr. Messina stated that the full support of the base pilots would be needed to pull such an event off and he wasn't sure that, with all the recent controversy, that support would be forthcoming. There was also concern for safety due to the large crowds that attended the last events. However, he would be willing to assist with the format if the entire Authority would be dedicated to the event. Mr. Kohler felt that the purpose of the event should be to show the citizens of the county where their tax dollars were spent for airport improvements. Mr. Brady noted that children would want to see the planes, and Mr. Messina agreed that there needed to be activity. Various groups and activities were mentioned, and Ms. Hall suggested discussing at the upcoming work session.
- **Crash Truck** – Mr. Brady related that he would be retiring in two years and had been flying out of Currituck Airport for 30 years. He wanted to do something for the airport and had been exploring the possibility of donating a crash truck. He described one on which he had an option to buy. He had pictures which he showed the members. There was discussion on whether the County could accept it. Chairman Eure expressed appreciation even if it was determined that the County could not accept it.

8. **Consent Agenda**

- **Fuel Report** – There was a question on the Airport's fuel prices. Mr. Leary replied that Jet A was \$3.10, AVGAS-\$3.35, and MOGAS-\$2.85. There was discussion on fuel prices and the disadvantages of ethanol. Mr. Kohler asked if an answer had come back regarding pricing fuel to make the airport competitive and attract other pilots to use Currituck for fuel. Commissioner Martin noted that pricing was based on cost plus a certain profit.
- **Hangar Inspection** – Mr. Messina requested that door tracks/rails be inspected and cleaned since it was bird nesting season. This was done last year and worked well. Mr. Leary was to notify someone to accomplish the task.

9. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Mr. Kohler moved to adjourn. Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.