

STAFFORD REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

April 9, 2024

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

The monthly meeting of the Stafford Regional Airport Authority was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Mr. Chris Hornung in the Edward G. Wallis Conference Room, 95 Aviation Way, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406.

The Invocation:

Mr. Arnaiz conducted the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mr. Chris Hornung, Mr. Samer Shalaby, Mr. Charles Kirkland, Mr. Desi Arnaiz and Mr. Robin Dreeke.

Members Absent:

Mr. Rod Hall and Mr. Hank Scharpenberg

Staff Present:

Mr. James Stover, Airport Director

Engineers Present:

Mr. Steve Peterson and Mr. Jeff Tarkington, Talbert & Bright, Inc.

Public Present:

Mr. Phil Hornung, Langley Flight Foundation, MSgt Steve Hartka, Quantico Marine Corps, Mr. Brian Geouge, Stafford County Planning and Zoning, and Mr. Craig Meadows, the interim Stafford County Administrator.

Additions/Deletions/Modifications to the Agenda:

Changes Discussed: The Chairman added an open session for the discussion of the hangar wait list during the Chairman's report.

Public Presentations:

Items Discussed: Mr. Phil Hornung presented a short history of the progress associated with the Langley Flight Foundation and the display of a replica at the airport.

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Kirkland moved to accept the February minutes. Mr. Arnaiz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Items Discussed: Mr. Hornung reported.

1. Mr. Shalaby presented a suggestion to the Authority regarding the T-Hangar wait list. Specifically, The Plane Doctor (Ms. Bouchet) asked if the Authority would consider allowing persons on the wait list to relinquish their position to another person, and if so, under what conditions would this be allowed. After some discussion, the Authority asked the Airport Director to provide a draft update of the Airport Rules and Regulations. The Authority will discuss the issue at the next Authority meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Kirkland reported.

Items Discussed:

1. Mr. Kirkland reported that fuel sales continued to be above the historical average.

2. He also reported the airport's financial health was better than expected and that the SAR continues to show net increases in available income due to a broad range of income earning and cost saving initiatives.

LANGLEY AERODROME REPORT (LFF):

Items Discussed: Mr. Hornung reported.

1. Mr. Hornung presented a status for the plans for a VIP presentation of Aerodrome #5. This event is now planned for Monday, May 6. Invitations have been sent and numerous dignitaries have responded in the affirmative.
2. Mr. Hornung briefed the Authority that there will also be an open house on Saturday, May 11. Among the planned supporting elements will be the following.
 - a. EAA Chapter 1099 will cook breakfast and conduct Young Eagles flights, weather permitting.
 - b. SRA will announce a Fly-In to other airports in the area.
 - c. Other agencies that will be contacted for support include Civil Air Patrol, the tenant aircraft owners and Americans in Wartime Museum.
3. Mr. Hornung, on behalf of the Langley Flight Foundation, and Mr. Stover executed the lease agreement between LFF and SRA.

QUANTICO REPORT:

Items Discussed:

1. Nothing significant to report.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:

Items Discussed: Mr. Geouge reported.

1. Mr. Geouge reported that there is a potential zoning action for the NW corner of Centerport Parkway that will be under consideration.
2. He also agreed to check on the status of a County-authored position regarding an antenna or other vertical object that would subsequently be placed on property near the airport. This is especially concerning when a vertical object is located such that it interferes with an aircraft's approach or departure path. Mr. Stover advised Mr. Geouge that Ms. Amy Taylor has agreed to investigate this issue and provide a response.

ENGINEERS' REPORTS:

Talbert & Bright, Inc.: Mr. Peterson reported.

Items Discussed:

1. Runway Extension Phase II Construction. Chemung Contracting Corporation is still addressing Erosion and Soil issues at the NW end of the runway. Chemung has been

on-site to address these issues. The published ILS procedure is expected to be distributed on May 16, and with it the ILS will be open for approaches.

2. Site Survey Major Site Alteration Plan for building sites 6, 7 & 8 requires two minor items to be addressed prior to Stafford County's final approval. The first is a determination regarding the exact location and depth of water and sewer lines associated with this plan. Those locations have now been identified. The second is a requirement to conduct a water systems pressure analysis to confirm that the water pressure required for fire hydrants is adequate. A company named Legacy has been contacted for this service.
3. Runway Rehabilitation Project. The request for funding has been submitted to the FAA who are waiting for federal budget approval.
4. Mr. Peterson briefed us that he and Mr. Stover inspected the jet pod in T-Hangar 4 for water leaks after the recent rains. There was minimal water in the hangar. Mr. Peterson provided Mr. Stover with a sealant to be applied at suspected water entry points within the hangar. Mr. Peterson also provided Mr. Stover with an overview of a complete solution to the erosion issue along the perimeter fence adjacent to the T-Hangars. At Mr. Tarkington's suggestion, Mr. Stover will contact DOAV and ask if State funding might be available to assist in stopping the erosion and filling the ravines created by rains over the last decade.

AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Stover reported.

Items Discussed:

1. The Director provided a detailed brief regarding fuel sales for each of the different types. Corporate fuel sales average as compared to the previous seven-year average. AVGAS was above expectations and for the year-to-date overall fuel sales are ahead of the average by over 22,000 gallons.
2. The Director briefed the status of all funded projects, including maintenance, capital improvements and federal projects. There are no projects that are behind schedule or not making progress.
3. The Director requested the Authority approve the Chairman to sign a Resolution provided by the airport's attorney, Mr. Christian Franklin. The Resolution grants and removes easements specific to the sewer line connection at the airport. Mr. Kirkland moved to accept the Resolution and Mr. Arnaiz seconded the motion. The Authority voted to approve the Resolution 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Items Discussed: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Items Discussed: The Authority requested an update of information regarding the conditions necessary to build T-Hangar 6. Mr. Stover will provide an update prior to the next SRAA meeting. Mr. Kirkland and Mr. Shalaby agreed to represent the Authority in finding a solution to building a hangar. Mr. Stover plans to meet with the Chairman of the EDA, and then to meet with Mr. Shalaby

and Mr. Kirkland to provide planning guidance. Mr. Stover will set up that meeting for the week of 15 April.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Shalaby made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Dreeke seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The Stafford Regional Airport Authority's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Edward G. Wallis Conference Room at Stafford Regional Airport.