

**MINUTES AT THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE COLUMBUS
AIRPORT COMMISSION HELD AT THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT
FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022**

The following commission members were present for the entire meeting:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>EXPIRES</u> |
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| Mr. James Barker, Chairman | December 31, 2023 |
| Mr. Don Cook, Treasurer | December 31, 2022 |
| Mr. Carl Rhodes, Jr., Secretary | December 31, 2024 |
| Ms. Dannel Marks, Commissioner | December 31, 2026 |

Legal Counsel: Don Morgan

Staff Members Present:

Anna Phillips, Administrative Coordinator
Pam Knight, Finance Director
Danyell Barboa, HR Manager
Adrian Sellers, Project Coordinator
Daniel Thomas, Maintenance Manager
Marion Anderson, Public Safety Officer
Anthony Pugh, Hospitality Supervisor
Eric Rivers, Operations Supervisor
Marshall Upshaw Jr., Landscaping Supervisor
Troy Pair, Facilities Supervisor
Blake Fulford, Operations Technician

Others Present:

Greg Russell: Pezold; Austin Edwards: Speedbird Aero; Brian Thompson: RS&H; Pete Novak: RS&H; Patrick Steed; Nick Smith

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Mr. James Barker called the July 29, 2022, Special Called Commission Meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Mr. Barker stated:

Good morning everybody for those that are in attendance. I appreciate everybody being here. This will be a short meeting to consider the approval for an airport improvement program grant 54. Ms. Phillips, will you brief us on that?

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT
54**

Ms. Phillips stated:

So, I will be presenting this on behalf of Ms. Amber Clark because she wasn't able to make it today.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is allocating it's FY22 grants. The Columbus airport applied for an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant to fund a design project to be completed by Holt to rehabilitate Taxiway "F".

This project will address the pavement rehabilitation along Taxiway "F" including connecting taxiways from connecting Taxiway "F1" to connection Taxiway "F" at Runway 31 end. Also associated with this project is the safety corrections to direct connections from aprons to runways; removal of Taxiway "F3"/Taxiway "D4" and relocation of Taxiway "F2"/Taxiway "D3". Per the Georgia Department of Transportation Study, 2018 Columbus Airport Pavement Management Plan, the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for Taxiway "F" had the following rating of 38, 59, and 57. The project will also include the following miscellaneous items: site demolition, fillet corrections to latest standards, pavement rehabilitation, marking, minor grading improvements as necessary, edge lighting and signage improvements, erosion control, and grassing.

The FAA AIP 54 grant is in the amount of 230,877.00 to fund the design of the above-described project.

Ms. Clark recommends the approval of the FAA AIP 54 Grant.

Mr. Barker asked if there were any questions regarding this grant? There were none.

Mr. Barker asked to consider approval of airport improvement program grant 54.

Motion by Mr. Don Cook to approve the airport improvement program grant 54; seconded by Mr. Carl Rhodes and unanimously approved by the Commission. Ayes: 4 / No: 0

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Barked asked:

Does anyone from the audience have anything that they would like to bring to the Commission?

Mr. Austin Edwards asked how much the contract was for the grass cutters?

Mr. Barker asked if Mr. Daniel Thomas would stand up and handle that?

Mr. Edwards stated:

They were doing a great job by the way.

Mr. Thomas answered:

I don't have the exact numbers, but if I remember all of the bids, I think it was around \$280,000.

Mr. Barker asked how many years was that for?

Mr. Thomas responded:

I believe it is two years to do all of the grass within the fence line, the retention pond, Smoke Drive, the end of Runway 13, which was cut down, and all of the hangars. They are in the process of establishing weekly hangar cuts to keep it all manicured.

Mr. Edwards asked if they were going to cut back to the fence?

Mr. Thomas answered yes, fence to fence.

Mr. Edwards asked if they were going to cut outside of the fence?

Mr. Thomas clarified it would be everything inside the fence.

Mr. Barker stated:

There was supposed to be some cut back on the other side of the fence, right at the fence line.

M. Thomas stated:

Yes, where the areas are really bad coming through the fence.

Mr. Barker stated:

You think that would affect flight safety, talking about cutting back in those areas, but mostly it's inside the fence.

Mr. Edwards stated:

I did see on the perimeter fence that it's on the outside coming through.

Mr. Thomas stated:

A lot of it is going to address the spots that are really tough to get to and wildlife habitation and where they can hide. We address a lot of situations like that.

Mr. Barker asked if that answered Mr. Edwards question? It did, and Mr. Edwards thanked Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Cook stated:

Mr. Chairman, just for clarity for the public could you just add some notes in an email and send that out to everyone? A lot of people may not understand what we are talking about and just some highlights on it.

Mr. Thomas said that he would.

Mr. Barker asked for any more questions?

Mr. Greg Russell asked:

Hey, Mr. Thomas. The guy out there doing the roofs seems to be doing a very good job. They replaced the skylights in our hangar this week, but the removal of the skylights now shows the amount of light from the new lights that were installed. The illumination is enough for a warehouse but not for something you can work on an airplane. We had to go to another building about that same size, but they had bigger lights that hang down further. I mean if you can imagine a warehouse. He may be able to adjust them. I'm not saying they're totally bad, but if we can get him out there to finish that and the pressure washing and everything? We can get Ryan, from Ryan Electric, out there to see if there's anything he can do.

Mr. Thomas responded:

Correct. So, now that the skylights have been replaced they will be pressure washing before they seal the roof. The next stage of that would be that we meet in the hangar and all of us would take a look at the lights, if adjustments are needed, we can take a look at that.

Mr. Russell stated:

I mean if somebody says you move out and we move in and they have three or four airplanes it would be hard to do maintenance in that hangar.

Mr. Barker stated:

You do need a lot of light. Cleaning especially is where it's super critical and maintenance as well.

Mr. Barker asked if there was anything else from the audience?

Mr. Edwards asked:

One more question about hangar 13. I wasn't at the masterplan meeting, so you might be repeating yourself. It got graded as an F, I saw on the report, to tear down and rebuild. I know this year there were some new bathrooms put in there. What was kind of the rationality behind that? Is there a plan to tear it down and rebuild it?

Mr. Thomas answered:

I too wasn't at the masterplan meeting. I was out. As far as I understand, it has significant history attached to that hangar, and that's what I believe—I can't speak for Ms. Clark, or anybody else—, but I believe what I know and understand. Ms. Clark would be able to clarify upon her return.

Mr. Barker responded:

Yeah, I mean the way I understand it, I don't want to speak out of turn, but I think the decision to revamp the restrooms was an independent decision prior to the knowledge of the grading that was done by and independent realtor, appraiser. So, now that we have that information that's giving us the strategic knowledge for the masterplan plan and what we want to do, as we spend money moving forward, and to be less wasteful and to try and allocate funds where they will be most valued.

Mr. Edwards remarked:

So, there is a plan set forth? I didn't see it in the PowerPoint.

Mr. Barker stated:

So, there was discussion of hangar building and strategic plans. We'll come back in thirty, sixty days now that they've have discussions from members of the GA and members of the Commission. So, now that they've heard from people who are most definitely trusted in the community, they'll take all of that information and create a refined masterplan based on the information that they got and come back to discuss it further. We will be able to be the audience for them, so please come, and then you can give feedback at that time as well.

Ms. Adrian Sellers stated that the next masterplan meeting would be August 9th.

Mr. Barked stated:

August 9th is the time. I won't be there, but I am sure everybody that does show up will be heard.

Mr. Russell emphasized:

It is a twenty-year plan, not that it would be taken down next week. It might be ten years before they decide to take it down. The money that was spent on the restrooms will be well used. At the same time, like Mr. Thomas said, Ms. Clark was going to make sure about the history. Downtown it's a big deal and in Columbus nowadays, all of the historical records.

Mr. Barker stated:

Another thing too, one of the things that gives us knowledge is that if we want to change the usage of that land plot or maybe corporate hangars for transient traffic or for maintenance that is adjacent to the FBO. We may be building T-hangars on the other side of the field, closer to where you hang out. And build more T-hangars there, so that we don't displace aircraft in the T-hangars now. Once those are done, then we can move them into appropriate hangars before we demolish anything. We don't want to displace anybody, until there is a replacement in place.

Mr. Barker asked if that answered their questions? It did. Mr. Barker asked if there were any more questions? There were none.

Mr. Barker asked to move to end the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Cook to end the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Dannel Marks and unanimously approved by the Commission. Ayes: 4 / No: 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

Anna Phillips, Secretary

James Barker, Chairman