Minutes of the Music City Executive Airport Authority
Meeting held at the Music City Executive Airport
FEB 24, 2020
5:30 PM

a. The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

a. Roll call as indicated below:

	Present	Absent
Abbott	X	
Brown	X	
Burnham		X
Cavin	X	
Crawford	X	
Dickerson		X
Drayton		X
Lynch	X	
Patterson	X	
Taylor	X	
Williams	X	

b. The Vice-Chairman asked Mr. Crawford to provide the invocation.

c. Mr. Williams made a motion that we approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patterson. Without discussion the Authority approved the motion unanimously.

b. <u>Public Recognition</u>:

a. Mr. Chris Davidson. Mr. Davidson stated that as the Airport Manager, he was making a public statement and not as a board member. Mr. Davidson stated that he was notifying the authority of his intent to resign from the airport managers position effective 20 Mar 20. Mr. Davidson read a prepared statement which was questioned by the Vice Chairman. After discussion and a reminder that he had 5 minutes for comment, Mr. Davidson continued to read and referred to his notes alleging issues with the MCEAA Chairman. After comments made by Authority members about the inappropriateness of the direction the meeting was headed in, Mr. Williams made motion to table the discussion presented by Mr. Davidson. Motion was seconded by Mr. Patterson. The Authority approved the motion with one no vote.

b. A number of other persons were present—See attached list

c. Each of those that choose to speak praised Mr. Davidson's work as the airport manager commenting on how much airport operations had improved in the year since Mr. Davidson was hired as the airport manager. Several stated that Mr. Davidson is known for getting things done and finding ways to accomplish the mission. Several persons commented that they did not want to lose Mr. Davidson as the airport manager.
d. Mr. Bell Reserved his comments till Mr. Drayton has returned and the Special called meeting
e. Kevin McCutcheon— Stated that Donny should be here to hear the issues. Agrees on a special meeting that can solve the issues.

c. <u>Committee Reports</u>

a. Rules and Regulations Committee Report (Mr. Dickerson)
   i. Nothing to report

b. Building and Grounds Committee (Mr. Crawford)
   i. Nothing to report

c. Marketing Committee (Mr. Brown)
   i. Nothing to report

d. <u>Old Business:</u>

a. None

e. New Business:

a. Update Flight Solutions layout.
   i. Mr. McCutcheon presented a design for an outcropping to his original design, adding 17ft, 2in for new office space and covered parking. The structure will be two stories. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the design alterations. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion. The Authority approved the motion unanimously.
b. Accredited Airport Executive Training
   i. Mr. Davidson presented his request to attend a week-long airport managers certification course at a cost of $3,288.25. He stated this was not a budgeted item, however the airport has been selling excess dirt for $50 per truck load and have accumulated $4,850 which could be used to offset the cost of the training. The training takes place March 8-13 in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Davidson stated that he had prepaid the cost of attendance out of his personal money.
   ii. Given that the Chairman had previously denied Mr. Davidson's request to attend this training, and Mr. Davidson's stated intent to resign on 20 Mar, Mr. Cavin made a motion that MCEAA reimburse Mr. Davidson for his expenses after a decision is made at a future called MCEAA with the Chairman in attendance as to Mr. Davidson's continued employment

as the airport manager. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. The Authority approved the motion unanimously.

c. Water Line
   i. Mr. Davidson stated that the discussion about the water line was for information only since not decision was required tonight. The discussion centered on the need to provide an alternative to the current 6" water line which is insufficient to meet code requirements for Gallons Per Minute (GPM) to support both the North West Apron hangers and the future Mid Field Development.
   ii. Mr. Abbott moved to suspend the rules so that Mr. McCutcheon could discuss the benefit of the waterline. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The Authority approved the motion unanimously. Mr. McCutcheon discussed the importance of securing the 8" line to his new hanger. The 8" line will also be required to support the other hanger being built by AMG
   iii. Mr. Lynch made a motion to bring the meeting back to order. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The Authority approved the motion unanimously.
   iv. The Authority made it clear that we support the need for the 8" water line and will work with our engineers and seek advice from lawyers on the best way to go forward.

d. Name Change
   i. On March 26th the FAA will officially recognize the Sumner County Regional Airport as Music City Executive Airport. Work needs to be done to determine what official documents and other items will be impacted by the name change. Mr. Brown commented that he will contact the legal team to chart a path forward.

e. Vehicle Maintenance
   i. Mr. Davidson said the airport owned vehicle is in need of new tires and an oil change. Mr. Crawford made a motion that the Authority approve the $832 expense. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the Authority approved the motion unanimously.

f. <u>Reports</u>

a. Managers' Report: by Chris Davidson (Airport Manager)
   i. As we all know the most recent few weeks have been plagued with rainfall in excess of norms.
   ii. The Sewer Line
      - Sewer line project has been delayed because of rainfall; however, the contractor is ready to start boring underneath the access road this week if the rain holds off.
   iii. North West Apron
      - Also affected by rainfall
      - Blasting is complete
      - Will start building the retaining wall this week

iv. Middle Field Apron Extension
- Designs will commence after official award of the grant in March??

v. Wildlife Fence
- Is ahead of schedule even with the excess rainfall

vi. Utility Relocation
- Gallatin has approved an alternative for the Utility line routing

vii. ALP Update
- 30% of the ALP is complete. Future meeting with TDOT Aeronautics
- The effort has received an additional $20K for RSA

viii. Emergency Preparation, M
- There will be an emergency drill with Gallatin Fire Dept on May 7th

ix. Dirt Removal
- We continue to reduce the size of the dirt mound between MCEA and Servpro.
- Selling each truckload for $50.00

b. Chairman's Report: (Chairman MCEAA)
i. No report

g. <u>Closing comments from the Board</u>

a. Mr. Abbott commented on the importance of General Aviation's contribution to the airport versus what the large hangers bring in. Saturday Breakfast is a great community outreach and is sponsored by General Aviation.
b. Mr. Patterson said he would wait till the called meeting to make his comments.
c. Mr. Lynch stated that he didn't think anyone (speaking for himself) wanted to see Mr. Davidson leave. Mr. Drayton made significant contributions as well. Reiterated that we owe it to our Authority responsibilities to hear both sides.
d. Mr. Cavin stated that we need to hear the facts on each of the issues and not someone's opinion at the special called meeting.
e. Mr. Taylor hoping this can be resolved. We need to be figuring out how we can fix it. Said we need to set the date and format for the called meeting.
f. Mr. Williams said he hope to get it worked out. Can we meet again before the stated resignation date of 20 Mar.
g. Mr. Crawford, We must do what is best for airport moving forward. Make it the best airport in Sumner County and Middle Tennessee.
h. Mr. Patterson made a motion to have a special called meeting of the MCEAA to address the issues presented by Mr. Davidson on 15 March at 3PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. The Authority approved the motion unanimously.
i. Mr. Brown made comments about his experience running a large automotive company. Referenced comments made by Mr. Tim Herr who said, "Two ways to have the tallest building in town. Tear down everyone else's or build your own higher". Mr. Brown showed a plaque that stated, "No limit on where a man may go if he doesn't care who gets the credit". The success of MCEAA is not a singular effort. Believes there is too much of that.

h. **Adjournment**

a. Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the MCEAA meeting. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. The Authority approved the motion unanimously. The MCEAA meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

- **The next scheduled MCEAA Meeting will be Mar 23, 2020**

C. Doug Brown

Vice-Chairman
Mr. Doug Brown

Dennis D Cavin

Secretary
Mr. Dennis D. Cavin