

Athens Ben Epps Airport Authority Meeting

February 25, 2025, 3:00PM

Minutes

Live Stream on ACCGOV YouTube Channel

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In attendance: Mike Mathews, Diane Napier, David Asman, Keith Sanders, Davin Welter,

Apologies: Mack Alexander, Jeff Benjamin

Note-taker: Davin Welter

- 1) **Chair Update and announcements:** Dr. Napier welcomed the participants and previewed the agenda in Mr. Benjamin's absence. She noted that there was not a quorum present.
- 2) **January Meeting Minutes:** Because there was not a quorum, the minutes were not approved and will need to be approved at the next meeting.
- 3) **Airport Manager Reports**
 - a) Financial & Operations Report: Mr. Mathews reported that January was a strong financial month and that AHN did well. He predicted that the rest of the year should also continue to do well. He said that fuel sales have been very strong. We had 3,297 operations during the month of January.
 - b) Capital Improvement Project Updates: Mr. Mathews reported that E. R. Snell is working today to take care of a couple of punch list items on Taxiway Alpha and they should be finished this week. Mr. Mathews said that AHN will receive about three million dollars to fund the refurbishment of Taxiway Bravo. The bid process for the project will begin this Thursday. The parking lot project is being designed and again funding has not been promised for this project. The tower projects continue to move forward. Mr. Mathews will be giving a TSPLOST presentation next Monday which will be requesting 5.6 million dollars to help fund future airport projects. Mr. Mathews said that he has an agenda item in front of the Mayor and Commission to purchase a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting truck.
 - c) Marketing & Outreach: Mr. Mathews gave a tour to the ACC Innovation Ambassadors and the ACC Supervision Training class.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) Lexington Corridor Update: Dr. Napier said that the update from Derek Doster was that the ACC staff are currently working on some land acquisition of strips along the highway, needed to construct sidewalks, making for a slow process.
- 5) **New Business**

None
- 6) **Standing Committees: Issues & Updates**
 - a) Business/Finance: Mr. Sanders reported on the AHN Fact Sheet and the work that Mr. Sanders, Dr. Napier, Mr. Asman, and Mr. Alexander did to draft a final version. The next step would be to get input from Mr. Mathews and Mr. Welter on that draft and then have a meeting with the designer to get a final draft. Mr. Sanders would like a QR code on the brochure access more info. Dr. Napier said that a lot of work has gone into this and would like to see it distributed widely. The Authority could help distribute the Fact Sheets in the Flight Center and in other places in town and in other counties. Dr. Napier said that 500 copies would be ideal to print. Mr. Sanders suggested that at the

next meeting, we review a final draft and have a discussion of places to distribute the Fact Sheet. Mr. Sanders also suggested that we review the Strategic Plan at the March meeting.

b) Operating: Mr. Asman said the committee did not have a report.

c) Air Service Development/Marketing: Mr. Mathews said there was nothing to report.

7) Other Business:

a) The **next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 3-5 p.m.**, in the conference room in the Flight Center Building.

8) Adjourn: 3:50 PM Mr. Sanders motioned and Mr. Asman seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Davin Welter_____