

**CURRITUCK COUNTY
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING OF
January 21, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the CCAAB was held on January 21, 2009, at the Terminal Building Conference Room. Members present: Chairman Tracy Eure, John Gross, Dave Messina, Ken Norris, Jim Winebarger, and New Members Gary Bryan and Ed Ish. Also present: Commissioner John Rorer and Wayne Leary, Airport Manager. Guests: Debbie Rorer, Darcy Messina, Gary Ambrose, Leland Gibbs, Denise Hall and Bobby Dupree.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Eure called the meeting to order.
2. **Welcome** – Chairman Eure welcomed members, new members and guests.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Mr. Winebarger moved to approve the amended agenda as presented by Mr. Leary. Commissioner Rorer seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.
4. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman** – Mr. Leary opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Messina nominated Mr. Winebarger. Mr. Eure seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr. Norris moved to elect Mr. Winebarger by acclamation. Mr. Eure seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leary opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Gross nominated Mr. Norris. Mr. Eure seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr. Eure moved to elect Mr. Norris by acclamation. Mr. Messina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Norris moved to approve the December 17, 2008, minutes as submitted. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
6. **Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**

Gary Ambrose addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation for being able to conduct flight training over the years at the airport. He indicated that he has a love for flying and being able to help the average person to learn to fly is why he has committed so much time and financial resources in training classes. He expressed his concern whether he could continue to provide the flight training if the County establishes a cost prohibitive concessionaire's agreement. Leland Gibbs praised Ambrose for his work and all that he has done for the airport over the years. Commissioner Rorer indicated that it was not the county's intent to run businesses away from the airport, but to attract them to the airport to promote economic development and create jobs. Mr. Rorer further explained that the county needs to have some agreement in place for liability reasons.

7. **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Eure moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Old Business**

- **Committee Updates** – Mr. Gross reported that the Airport Overlay Zoning meeting was cancelled and is to be rescheduled.
- **Hangar Waiting List Policy** – Chairman Winebarger suggested that the Board should give the subject more consideration to the waiting list policies than could be covered during the meeting. It was decided that Chairman Winebarger, Tracy Eure, and Ken Norris would meet with Mr. Leary at the Airport Sunday afternoon to consider the recommendations that Chairman Winebarger would present. [This meeting was cancelled.]

9. New Business

- **Aeronautics Council Report** – Mr. Leary reported that the meeting in Currituck had been rescheduled for January 25, 2009.
- **1/05/09 Commissioners Meeting** – Commissioner Rorer gave a brief report and indicated that the Board of Commissioners would be discussing airport issues at the BOC retreat that was to be held January 30, 31, and February 1 at Corolla.
- **Committee Appointments** – Chairman Winebarger urged members to be thinking about committee assignments for the next year and suggested that appointments be made at the next meeting. He urged members to give it serious consideration as it is hoped that the committees would be more active in the future.
- **Fuel Pricing** – Mr. Leary suggested a more formal policy to be set for setting fuel prices at the airport. Mr. Rorer indicated that it is important that the prices be set to attract visitors to the airport and the county and the policy should be set with long term objectives. The consensus of the Board was that this issue should be considered in greater detail at a later date.
- **2009-2010 Budget-Set Meeting Date** - Due to the time constraints and the need to discuss the budget and other items listed above, the Board voted 7-0 to meet the following Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 so that the Board's recommendations could be presented to the Board of Commissioners at its work retreat.
- **Board of Commissioners Retreat** - Commissioner Rorer extended an invitation to the Airport Advisory Board members to attend the workshop if their schedules would allow.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Messina moved to adjourn. Mr. Ish seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.