



Franklin-Hart County Airport Authority
823 Airport Rd.
Canon, GA 30520

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Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023 Regular Meeting
2:00 PM
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- **2:00 PM Call to Order** – Chairman Eddie Addison called the meeting to order.
- **Establishment of Quorum**
 - Attendees - Eddie Addison (Chair), Mike Ward (Vice-Chair), Kevin McCraney (Sec/Treas), Woodson “Woody” McFarlin.
 - Absent – Bo Rowland, Johnny Coxx, Mark Brown
 - Guests – Greg Teague – President Croy Engineering, Asa “Bud” Brown, Sean Kilpatrick, Pat Zimmerman USDA
- **Prayer** - Mike Ward voiced a prayer.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mike Ward led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- **Approve Agenda**
 - Mike Ward made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Woody McFarlin, passed unanimously.
- **Secretary Report**
 - Approve Minutes – Kevin McCraney made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Mike Ward. Passed unanimously.
- **Treasurer Update**
 - No financials were shared at this meeting. Financials through January 2023 were discussed at the meeting on February 23, 2023. February and March financials were not available at the time of this meeting.
- **Old Business**
 - Runway Lighting Rehab Project - update by Greg Teague, Croy Engineering. Danny Doyle will be taking Cody Dupre’s place at GDOT as our program manager. Still clarifying a few points on the insurance to get the NTP. Cody Dupre has confirmed to Greg he has everything he needs. Croy will be scheduling preconstruction meeting when NTP is issued. Discussed new requirement of GDOT to conduct IFE (Independent Fee Evaluation) on new projects exceeding \$100,000 for professional services. DBE plan is due for renewal this year in August. Past DBE was not included in the current contract. Greg says he has an email chain to Cody Dupre (GDOT) stating DBE was to be

included but it was not. Beacon was relocated by authority but is included in this grant. Greg recommends adding the past DBE to the current DBE grant request to be reimbursed. Estimates new DBE will be around \$12,000. Should be reimbursed at 90%. Eddie discussed 2024 CIP. Apron extension project should begin in 2025. Grants will just cover aprons and taxiway ties. Greg discussed engineering of the pad and drainage for the hangars.

- Inspection Report – Mike Ward updated us on the response and actions taken from the inspection conducted by Alan Ward at GDOT.
- Real Estate Acquisition – Purchase of 31 acres adjoining the airport was completed on April 21, 2023.
- **New Business**
 - Wildlife Mitigation - Pat Zimmerman USDA discussed their animal nuisance removal services. Stated even fences would not keep out wildlife. Services will reduce deer but not eliminate. Their services if used would not exceed \$5,000 per year. Average \$400 per visit. Meat is donated or carried to landfill when performed by USDA. Fence needs to be completed to help. Suggested getting a depredation permit. Will allow airport authority to remove nuisance animals with lethal force. Mike Ward will work on depredation permit for deer with DNR. Kevin McCraney will file depredation permit for birds with USDA.
 - Brush Clearing Bid Discussion - Three bids have currently been received. Kevin McCraney voiced concerns that first bid was revealed at last meeting and another bid was later received. McCraney made motion to rebid brush removal with scope defined, seconded by Mike Ward. Passed unanimously. McCraney will create a document outlining the scope of the project.
 - Eddie Addison discussed fundraiser that was held last week for Mark Brown's cancer surgery. Over 300 meals were served and over \$13,000 was raised.
- **Executive Session** – Mike Ward made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, Seconded by Woody McFarlin. Passed unanimously.
- **Resume Normal Session** – Mike Ward made the motion to resume normal session, seconded by Woody McFarlin. Passed unanimously. No action taken.
- **Adjourn** – Chairman Addison adjourned the meeting at 3:06 PM.

Certificate of Secretary

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting secretary of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority, 823 Airport Rd., Canon, GA 30520; that these minutes were approved by a majority vote at a meeting consisting of a quorum of the authority members on the date listed below.

Approved Date: June 12, 2023

J. Kevin McCraney
Secretary/Treasurer