



NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT
City of Natchitoches
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Natchitoches, LA 71457

NATCHITOCHES AIRPORT COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
5:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Convene Meeting
- II. Minutes for November 15, 2021
- III. Old Business
 - A. Airport Project Updates
- IV. New Business
 - A. Airport Manager's Fuel Sales Report: November & December, 2021
- V. Announcements

Due to Monday, February 21, 2022 is Presidents' Day Holiday, the next regular monthly meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission will take place on; Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Airport Terminal building.
- VI. Adjournment

NATCHITOCHEs REGIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bolton, Janice
McCain, Jack Jr.
Parker, Sam
Salter, Stanley

ALSO PRESENT: Cooper, Larry
Ellett, Sam of Nor-Wes, Inc.
Farmer, Jonathan of KSA
Lee, Edd
Walker, Regina R.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gilson, Gil
Maxey, James
Rice, Cliff

CONVENE MEETING:

Chair Stanley Salter called the regular monthly meeting of the Natchitoches Regional Airport Advisory Commission to order on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

Chair Salter called for a motion to accept the minutes as written for October 18, 2021; motion made by Mr. McCain, seconded by Mr. Parker, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Airport Project Updates:

Mr. Cooper invited Jonathan Farmer the Airport's engineer of KSA to speak at tonight's meeting to update the Commission on the different projects currently taking place on the Airport.

Mr. Farmer reported the following:

- Regional Construction is the contractor on the Runway 7/25 and Taxiway B1 Construction Project; they're currently working on a semi parallel taxiway to Runway 7/25 in front of the hangars in the area of Nor-Wes Inc. future hangar.

Regional Construction is progressing well with the earthwork due to the favorable weather. Their plans are to complete the earthwork before the Thanksgiving holiday.

After the Thanksgiving holiday, Regional Construction plans are to cut cement into the subgrade, start-pouring asphalt, and if the weather continues to be favorable in December 2021 pour the first layer of asphalt on the taxiway.

Post-Christmas and New Year's holidays, they will move into a different phase of the project and start on Taxiway B1, with the Runway to follow in March or April 2022.

- The fencing project is complete. Regional Construction completed the ditch work where they were working, which helped Columbus Fence Company the fencing contractor to come back and complete their fencing job on Hwy. 1. Currently waiting on the closeout and grant paperwork associated with the fencing project to be processed.
- Regional Construction is also the contractor on the Drainage Rehabilitation Project. They're working on the two head walls at Chaplin's Lake, have some minor clean up to do, and then the project will be complete.
- The Airport will receive a grant from the LA-DOTD for the design work on the Ag Ramp/Wash Rack Apron project. Next year we will begin looking at rehab seal coat type work for the primary runways as well.

- Skyplex Trucking LLC is the low bidder on the Obstruction Removal Project. Once the construction work agreement is received from the contractor, work can begin. Skyplex Trucking will remove twenty-five trees; grind stumps, burn debris, and plant Crepe Myrtle trees in place of the trees being removed. The grant has been executed for the project and the funding is in place to be used. The project should be completed in December 2021.
- The Wildlife Study is still taking place; the study will continue for the next six months before La-DOTD releases their findings. The Wildlife Study is taking place statewide at numerous Airports.

Nor-Wes, Inc. New Hangar Review:

Chair Salter introduced to the Commission Sam Ellett the owner, chief pilot and manager of Nor-West Inc., the only Ag Operator on the Airport.

Chair Salter distributed copies of a schematic of the proposed Nor-Wes new hangar facility for the Commission review and records.

Mr. Ellett reported that when Mr. Paul Lee Foshee decided to retire, Nor-Wes purchased his hangar and is in the process of moving the corporate headquarters from Shreveport to Natchitoches, La. The reason being that it gives Nor-Wes a more centralized location for their territory that extends from Shreveport down to Alexandria, La.

Nor-Wes' other locations are in, West Texas, New Mexico, and Iowa.

Nor-Wes' old hangar was the Valley Air Hangar located on the north ramp; the hangar was damaged in February 2021 due to snow and ice. Mr. Ellett is working with Larry Cooper and Jonathan Farmer on the design of their new hangar; it's going to be a nice size hangar with an office on the north end of the hangar facing the lake.

Nor-Wes is interested in Agricultural Aviation maintenance; this will assist them in maintaining their own airplanes, their fleet consists of ten Ag aircraft and one helicopter. Their maintenance facility will be their designated repair station.

Nor-Wes is also interested in opening a flight school, not just for private, instrument and commercial but for the Ag industry as well. Mr. Ellett is a certified flight instructor for multi engine aircraft and more. He would like to coordinate with NSU in conjunction with their flight school to see if they would be interested in offering aviation classes. Their intentions are to be FAA certified as a Part 141 School to give them more credibility.

Nor-Wes also wants to provide a training center on the Airport for initial and recurrent training in Ag aircraft. This will assist pilots to get their needed recurring required training requested by insurance companies, FAA, and the La-DOTD.

There's a lot to take place in the future with Nor-Wes Inc., the new hangar and new office will be their headquarters for their whole operation nationwide. The flight school will be based on the Airport as well and as they continue to grow, they may look to build more facilities on the Airport. They're currently renting Harold Estes' hangar for storage of aircraft and maintenance; they hope to purchase the hangar in the future.

The Commission is excited with Nor-Wes' plans and the future businesses they're bringing to the Airport.

Airport Christmas Party Details:

Mr. Cooper reported that the annual Airport Christmas party will take place on; Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Lasyone's Meat Pie Kitchen will cater the event, Gary Cathey is the entertainment, and Maggio will cater the drinks.

Invitations will be mailed and will request to RSVP with one guest only.

Trying to keep guests to a minimum due to Covid-19.

NEW BUSINESS:

Airport Manager's Fuel Sales Report October 2021:

<i>Time Period</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Gallons</i>
10/16/21 - 11/15/21	100 LL	2,875
2/20/21 - 10/18/21	Jet-A	14,274.7
<u>Total:</u>		<u>17,149.7</u>
Last year at this time	100 LL	2,891.2
Last year at this time	Jet-A	4,082.4
<u>Total:</u>		<u>6,973.6</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There's no regular monthly meeting in December 2021.

Due to Monday, January 17, 2022 is Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the next regular monthly meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission will take place on; Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Airport Terminal building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there were no further announcements, questions, or comments Mr. Parker made the motion to adjourn the Monday, November 15, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. McCain, motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned.