



**Moore County Airport Authority Meeting**

*Wednesday, July 12, 2023*

*Public Meeting – 9:00 a.m.*

**Minutes**

The Moore County Airport Authority Meeting for Wednesday, July 12, 2023, was in-person and via Zoom. A quorum was present.

**Authority Members Present:** Mike Jones, Chairman  
Adam Kiker, Vice Chairman  
Tom McPherson, Treasurer (via Zoom)  
Gene Horne, Secretary  
Roland Gilliam, Member

**Staff Present:** Ron Maness, Airport Director  
Paul Puszyński, Operations Manager  
Joy Cheechov, Administrative Manager

**Guests Present:** John Lewis  
Victor Cheechov, Buzz Park  
Jim Hosey, Blue Air  
John Wright, Blue Air  
Linda Christopher, Blue Air  
Chris Edwards, Blue Air  
Steve and Stephen Bright, Talbert & Bright  
Gladys Brown, Yuma International Airport

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**  
Chairman Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Public Comments**  
None.
- C. Conflict of Interest**  
Chairman Jones asked if there were any conflicts of interest. There were none.
- D. Additional Agenda Item(s) Requested**  
None.
- E. Approval of Agenda**  
The agenda for Wednesday, July 12, 2023 was presented.

M/S- Horne/Kiker — That the Moore County Airport Authority Meeting Agenda was approved for July 12, 2023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

*Yes: Member Gilliam, Secretary Horne, Treasurer McPherson, Vice Chairman Kiker, Chairman Jones*

**F. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Moore County Airport Authority Meeting Minutes Presented: June 14, 2023.

Vice Chairman Kiker asked for a revision to the minutes. Move the Closed Session items to move to I.

M/S-Horne/Kiker— That the Moore County Airport Authority approve the amended Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2022

The motion passed by the following vote:

*Yes: Member Gilliam, Secretary Horne, Treasurer McPherson, Vice Chairman Kiker, Chairman Jones*

**G. Public Hearing**

Chairman Jones opened the Public Hearing, at 9:04 a.m., to discuss the Ordinance to Limit Height of Objects Around Moore County Airport.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Airport Director Maness introduced the amended Height Ordinance. Steve Bright answered questions raised by the Authority.

Mr. John Lewis asked when this item will be on the Board of Commissioners' agenda.

M/S- Gilliam/Horne - To close the Public Hearing

*Yes: Member Gilliam, Secretary Horne, Treasurer McPherson, Vice Chairman Kiker, Chairman Jones*

M/S-Kiker/Horne - To approve the Height Ordinance. Check with John May regarding approving the height ordinance on the same day a public hearing is done.

*Yes: Member Gilliam, Secretary Horne, Treasurer McPherson, Vice Chairman Kiker, Chairman Jones*

**H. New Business**

1. Blue Air Project: Jim Hosey, Director of Operations for United States Air Force Special Operations Command for Blue Air Training. Chris Edwards John Reich and Gladys Brown, Airport Director for Yuma International Airport.

Mr. Hosey introduced operations to provide on-going training at the Airport.

Airport Director Maness will send out a photo of the plane used for training to base customers.

2. Hangar 71 Rates: Airport Director Maness announced that the Airport now owns Hangar 71. He researched hangar rates from various North Carolina airports with similar hangars. He received five responses from airports.

Airport Director Maness suggested setting the hangar lease rate of \$11/square foot.

A consensus was reached to charge \$1425/aircraft for the month. Further discussion is needed. Airport Director Maness to talk with both airplane owners about an adjustment to their lease rates.

#### **H. Old Business**

1. Agreement with AutoChoice Car Rental: – Airport Director gave a brief update on AutoChoice at the Airport.

#### **I. Projects Reports, Summaries and Updates**

1. Storage Property: Airport Director Maness talked about the storage property. The Airport received an appraisal for the storage property; however, the appraiser was not DOT certified, so the DOT rejected the appraisal. The Authority agreed to have one more DOT-certified appraisal done.
2. AWOS Clearing: The environmental folks provided a letter allowing for a 100-foot clearing of trees around the AWOS.
3. Lighting Update: The project is on target. The runway will be closed through September, 2023. The notice has been added to the AWOS.
4. Taxilane Site Prep: This project is ongoing. There will be a 60-day period to ensure settlement. In October, hangar construction will commence.
5. Airport Renovations: Southern Builders should be here within two weeks to begin work. The breakroom will be started first.
6. Internet: Airport Director Maness introduced the upgrade to the internet. Victor Cheechov, of Buzzpark, talked about upgrading the phone system as well. WiFi will be available on the taxiway and ramp.
7. Airport Director Maness played a radio advertisement for the Authority. The radio spot will run for a month and a half, on WIOC.
8. Financials and Other Key Performance Indicators: Airport Director Maness reviewed the budget goals from last fiscal year. The Airport was short about \$400,000 in fuel sales; however there was a profit of \$200,000. The focus for next fiscal year is having grant money be put to work for the Airport.

#### **L. Announcements/Comments**

August 19, 2023-Motors & Moore Car Show  
October TBD-EAA Young Eagles Day  
October 27-28, 2023, Festival D'Avion/Trunk or Treat  
Senator McInnis will be at the Airport at lunch.

Meetings with Representatives Moss and Jackson will be on Monday, July 17. Monday, July 17 will also be the hangar dedication at 4:00 p.m.

**M. Adjournment**

The next MCA Authority meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

The Airport Authority Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jones at 11:03 a.m.

  
Mike Jones, Authority Chairman

  
Gene Horne, Authority Secretary