

**M I N U T E S**  
**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**April 13, 2021**

The Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Farmington met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the Executive Conference Room at 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM

**Members Present:**

Chairman Richard Roderick  
 Mark Gordon  
 (via conference call) Jonathan Rudolf

**Members Absent:**

Wayne Mangum  
 Theresa Pacheco

**Staff Present:**

Mike Lewis, Airport Manager  
 Jody Carman, Airport Administrative Aide  
 Julie Baird, Assistant City Manager  
 Ellen Wayne, Deputy City Attorney

**Others Present:**

Felicia Bekis, Atlantic Aviation  
 Marieanna Yazzie, Atlantic Aviation

**Call to Order**

The Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) regular meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Richard Roderick, there being a quorum present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

**Approval of the April 13, 2021 Agenda**

Chairman Richard Roderick asked for a motion to approve the agenda for April 13, 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Gordon, and seconded by Commissioner Jon Rudolf to approve the agenda for April 13, 2021, and passed by a vote of 3-0.

**Approval of the Minutes from the March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting of the AAC**

Chairman Richard Roderick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Gordon, and seconded by Commissioner Jon Rudolf to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting of the AAC, and passed by a vote of 3-0.

**Operations Report**

Mike Lewis presented the statistics as they appear in the agenda.

Commissioner Mark Gordon inquired as to whether or not Vernon Aviation was busy flying at night as he noticed a heavier amount of air traffic in the evenings. Airport Manager Mike Lewis explained Vernon Aviation had sold their business, and Four Corners Regional Airport no longer had charter service to offer. He added the extra air traffic in question was most likely due to Guardian Flight air ambulance services.

Airport Manager Mike Lewis also presented the March numbers for No Worries gross revenues as \$119,808.93, as Administrative Aide Jody Carman did not have time to update the agenda operations report.

**Additional Operations Information**

Mike Lewis reported on additional operational items not listed in the agenda.

- 1) The Arizona Commemorative Air Force (AZ CAF) Museum has invited Four Corners Regional Airport to host static displays and rides on their World War II C-47, June 7-13, 2021. The aircraft has 12 seats at \$197.50 each, which is much less cost than the previous B-17 fares.
- 2) Ryan Waguespack, Senior Vice President of Aircraft Management, Air Charters at the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) will make a presentation titled "General Aviation Advancing America Stakeholders" at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Thursday May 6, 2021. The venue is not yet confirmed. Mike told the commission members to expect an invitation in the very near future, and hope they will join us.
- 3) The Airline industry is still recovering slowly. Mike Lewis will continue to forward updates to the commission, from airport consultant Arkstar, as they are received. There is a onetime chance to use the grant money to launch air service. Mike recommends we use those funds when there is better opportunity for success.
- 4) The bid for overhaul of the terminal, in order to handle regional jet traffic, has been forwarded to City Council for consent agenda approval tonight. This was accomplished by working through a \$200,000 State of NM grant. The project should be on budget.

- 5) Funding for relocation of taxiways B & G and rehabilitation of runway 5/23, is still undetermined whether the grant money will be a lump sum or considered separately. The FAA is expecting more money this year, at this time it is not certain how much will be awarded to our airport.
- 6) Four Corners Regional Airport has been awarded a \$57,162 grant from the FAA under the extension of the CARES Act Grant Program. However, when the grant agreement came through, the amount had been split between Airport Operations and the contract control tower. We have asked for clarification of details regarding \$23,000 for the airport and \$34,162 for the tower and how the money may be used.

Commissioner Jon Rudolf asked if there was any way to use that money for optional items such as furniture or another needed expense. Mike Lewis explained the City of Farmington owns the tower and leases it to the FAA.

**Business from the Chairman:**

Chairman Richard Roderick said he had no business, questions, or comments at this time.

**Business from the Members:**

Chairman Richard Roderick asked if there were any questions or business from the members. There were no questions or comments.

**Business from the Staff:**


Chairman Richard Roderick asked if there were any questions from staff. There were no questions or comments.

**Business from the Floor:**

Chairman Richard Roderick asked if anyone from the floor had something to say. There were no questions or comments.

Chairman Richard Roderick, upon second thought, asked if there was any formal information regarding the AAC role or purpose regarding airport operations or decisions. Chairman Richard Roderick added it might be a good discussion to have at a later meeting where more members were present. Administrative Aide Jody Carman responded in the meantime, she would email the link to City of Farmington Municode concerning the Airport Advisory Commission to AAC members within the next few days.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the April 13, 2021 meeting was adjourned by Chairman Richard Roderick, the motion was made by Commissioner Mark Gordon and seconded by Commissioner Jon Rudolf at 4:33 p.m.

  
Richard Roderick – Chairman

  
Jody Carman – Administrative Aide