

**M I N U T E S**  
**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**March 12, 2019**

The Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Farmington met on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., in the City of Farmington Executive Conference Room, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico.

**Members Present:** Richard Neely, Chairman  
 Johnny Arrington, Pro Tem  
 Mark Gordon  
 Richard Roderick

**Members Absent:** Theresa Pacheco

**Staff Present:** Mike Lewis, Airport Manager  
 Jody Carman, Administrative Aide

**Others Present:** Felicia Bekis, Atlantic Aviation  
 Marieanna Yazzie, Atlantic Aviation

**Call to Order**

The AAC meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Airport Advisory Chairman Richard Neely, there being a quorum present the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

**Approval of the March 12, 2019 Agenda**

Chairman Richard Neely asked for a motion to approve the agenda for March 12, 2019. He asked if anyone had changes or wanted a discussion A motion was made by Richard Roderick and seconded by Johnny Arrington to approve the agenda for March 12, 2019 and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

**Approval of the Minutes from the February 12, 2019, Regular Meeting of the AAC**

Chairman Richard Neely asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 12, 2019. He asked if anyone had any changes or wanted a discussion. A motion was made by Johnny Arrington and seconded by Richard Roderick to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

**Operations Report**

Mike presented the statistics included in the agenda. Additional information included operation numbers were very good regardless of bad weather. Atlantic Aviation fuel fees are currently more competitive than in the past. Avis Budget Car Rentals have chosen to renew their concessions contract. Mike Lewis asked if there were any more questions and there were none.

**Additional Operations Information**

Mike Lewis presented the following items not included in the posted agenda:

1. Archipele Technologies Inc. has decided not to lease Hangar 9.
2. Depot Avionics has chosen to stay with the local Fixed Base Operation (FBO) in Alamosa, as they just signed a new lease with the City of Alamosa.
3. Skydive Moab may begin to operate out of Farmington on the weekends weather permitting. Mike will assist in facilitating the process.
4. Runway ARC upgrade, B2 to C2, project is on track and should go out to bid in May, 2019.
5. The Gary Mize hangar project is on hold, pending improvement in the weather.
6. Atlantic Aviation has made the decision to exercise the 10 year extension on their lease. The deadline for that decision is the end of June, 2019. Atlantic Aviation's response to renew was immediate. Johnny Arrington inquired about whether or not Atlantic might remodel the building interior. Felicia responded the Atlantic home office was looking into that possibility. Mark Gordon inquired if Atlantic Aviation might entertain the business of aircraft rentals. Mike thought there may be a possible rental opportunity and he would follow up. Additionally, Mike spoke about the services Atlantic Aviation does provide, i.e. flight instruction. It was noted Russell Gervase is facilitating an open ground school and is taking his aviation instruction service to the next level.

Richard Roderick inquired about whether self service fuel station could be offered by Atlantic Aviation or the city of Farmington. Mike responded Atlantic Aviation was under no contractual obligation. However, the city does have the capability to offer that service and we could move forward on that project as minimum standards.

7. At the April 9, 2109 Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) meeting, the Open Meeting Resolution regarding day, time, and place, will be on the Agenda for a vote. Mike asked the AAC to consider a different day of the month if desired.
8. Mike Lewis updated AAC about the upcoming Fly-In, Dine-In Drive-In rotary fundraiser would hopefully include static display airplanes, vendor booths, various vehicle displays and Flying Fortress WWII B17

Bomber "Sentimental Journey". The previous date scheduled for the Fly-In was September 14, 2019, however was changed to September 28 to include the presence of the B17. Mike talked briefly about the plans rotary Fly-In Chairman Gary Risley has proposed. Activities include thumb drives with data for the pilots to fly around various local archeological sites, engagement of an archeology instructor to present local history, and offering various day trips to activities such as golf, fishing, camping and hiking. The event will revolve around a Pancake breakfast. Airport staff will engage tenants for such services as fuel discounts, participation in a children's aviation learning center, assistance with marketing and venue statistics. The presence of the B17, from September 23 to September 30, 2019 is a wonderful marketing opportunity for everything from tours to flyovers, etc.

9. As a final item, Mike mentioned one of our past student interns flew to Farmington on his solo flight from Embry Riddle University. Mike added he and airport staff plowed a lot of snow in February.

Mike Lewis asked the commission if there were any more questions. Richard Roderick referenced the Depot Avionics item mentioned earlier. Richard inquired if it might be possible to explore alternate option for Depot Avionics to open a subsidiary (branch) in Farmington. There was discussion among the commission members regarding possibility and feasibility for a small avionics business to exist at Four Corners Regional Airport. It was agreed an avionics branch here at the airport would be advantageous. Even one avionics technician established here could be a great market for the local aviation community. Johnny Arrington mentioned he would bring up the subject with Depot Avionics in Alamosa, as he is familiar with their management. Mike mentioned he would talk to local Bode Aviation regarding the possibility of their employment of an avionics technician.

**Business from the Staff:**

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

**Business from the Floor:**

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

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the March 12, 2019 meeting was adjourned by Chairman Richard Neely, the motion was made by Richard Roderick and seconded by Johnny Arrington at 4:25 p.m.

  
Richard Neely – Chairman

  
Jody Carman – Administrative Aide