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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
April 12, 2016

The Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Farmington met on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 4:00 PM, in the Executive Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico.

Members Present:	Chairman Richard Neely Wayne Mangum Steve White Tony Bennett
Members Absent:	Teresa Pacheco (alt) John Arrington
Staff Present:	Bob Campbell Julie Baird Russel Frost Dee Dee Moore Jody Carman
Others Present:	Felicia Bekis– Atlantic Aviation

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

Approval of the April 12, 2016 Agenda
A motion was made and second to approve the agenda and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of the Minutes of the March 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of the AAC
A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016, regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of 2016 Resolution
Chairman Neely read the resolution setting and establishing a regular meeting day, time and place for the Airport Advisory Commission pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 2013-1466 as ratified. There was a discussion of whether we needed to meet monthly. Steve White said that there was no choice. Bob Campbell noted the ordinance says monthly, and the question was raised by Steve White as to whether that could be changed. The answer was no, there was no further discussion. Approval of Resolution passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Operations Report
Bob Campbell discussed deplanement, that cancellation is bad. However, operations are better than last year. There were military flight complaints from citizens.

Steve White noted that there was satisfaction with the steady business for No Worries restaurant.

Dee Dee Moore noted there might be a federal grant available to subsidize air service to Four Corners Regional Airport. The question was raised, "Does the grant money have to be spent if you get it?" Bob Campbell noted that there was no need to spend – TB - $750 was granted before. He also noted that $500 thousand from Los Alamos, and thought it might be that one. Thinks that we can use if it's for Boutique Air.

Boutique discussion about service from here to Albuquerque, 9 seater plane service. Bob Campbell thought Albuquerque, Denver, and Southwest go from Denver to Nebraska, which might help. He thought that might help link destination to end up in Albuquerque.

Chairman Neely noted that money from the FAA, at the end of the year, there is great jeopardy to lose that, 2 years, have to ride through to next year. Is there anything we can do in a planning stage? FAA position will not get the money, October 16, not get the million, but there

is a senator trying to write in the transportation bill that would extend the million another year or two for airports to get back air service. Planning for the FAA is we will only get $250 thousand to be used for construction, not operations. Bob Campbell noted the tower contract from 2017-18, there is an advantage to keeping the tower. Due to the intersecting runways, as the contract comes up, we will prevail and keep the tower. Trying to contract the tower to a 3rd party, contract for no federal employees. Not sure how fast, he thinks we have better than a 50-50 chance even if we lose the commercial business. Bob Campbell noted that the flights include military, 3,000 per month, shows that it's critical to keep the tower.

Business from the Floor:
There was no business from the floor.

Business from the Chairman:
Chairman Neely noted the hangar situation, that people were leaving. Bob Campbell mentioned Mike had been speaking to a medical flight company, about leasing a hangar to them for a maintenance hub, regarding an initial discussion about helicopter. We may have to move another operation, but no pressure to lease it out.

Business from the Commissioners:
There was no business from the Commissioners.

Business from the Staff:
There was no business from Staff.

Adjournment:
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Richard Neely - Chairman

Jody Carman – Administrative Aide