

**PEACHTREE CITY AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**November 10, 1999**

The November meeting of the Peachtree City Airport Authority, was held at the Aviation Center, Peachtree City-Falcon Field Airport, on November 10, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were: Members; David M. Good, H.E. Buffington, Susan M. Cates, and Catherine M. Nelmes ; Airport Manager James H. Savage; Mr. B. Andrew Bolton and Authority Attorney Douglas B. Warner.

Chairman Robert B. Patterson was out of the country on business.

Mr. H.E. Buffington as Secretary/Treasurer chaired the meeting in Mr. Patterson's absence.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Savage read a news release prepared by Flight International Inc., which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 1999, and October 19, 1999, meetings as presented, was made by Ms. Nelmes and seconded by Ms. Cates.

The motion passed unanimously.

**III. REPORTS**

**1. Airport Manager - Jim Savage**

Mr. Savage presented the following report:

## AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 10, 1999

1. We have added (770) 631-5777 (which is the former phone number for Stevens Aviation, Atlanta) to our block of numbers. Until very recently, Ac-u-kwik had not updated any of its Airport Directories to show the Authority operating the FBO, so many Airport/FBO inquiries were going to the old Stevens number, which had been disconnected. Ac-u-kwik has corrected the number in their large directory and promises that the smaller version used by most jet operators will be corrected when the new edition is released in January, 2000.

It took many phone calls to many "supervisors" over a two day period to get the number released to us. We now average four or five calls a day on that line, many of which result in business to the Authority. My only regret is that I did not persist last year when I tried to get the number released to us and was told it was "not possible." We have included the new number in our system's "hunt group" which should help eliminate the complaints that our main number is sometimes busy.

2. We held the pre-construction conference for the South Hangar Area Project (AIP #11) on Wednesday of last week and all contractors are ready to proceed as soon as we have title to the 2.21 acres needed to complete the job. Flanders Construction Company is again the prime contractor for this phase of the project as they were on Phase 1. Construction time is estimated to be less than 60 days, weather permitting.
3. The ramp lighting for the northwest apron has been installed and it makes a significant difference to the visibility on that ramp at night. We will be working with Frank Basile to get a recommendation on a low cost video/monitoring system to work with the new lighting and I will report back to the Authority on our progress.
4. I attended the National Business Aircraft Association's convention on October 13, which was held at the World Congress Center in Atlanta. To say that there is no money in corporate aviation would be less than accurate. It is difficult to estimate the total cost of the hundreds of displays at the show, but as an example, Boeing Aircraft had a full size fuselage section (from nose to tail) of their B-737/BBJ on hand which reportedly contains an interior valued at more than \$1 million.

I was able to meet several airport and FBO operators, as well as various equipment providers, who indicated that they were getting many customer leads because of their participation. Many had modest displays with the smaller spaces renting for as little as \$2,000. I think we should consider building a display of our own and participating in future shows to help market "Atlanta's Other Peachtree Airport."

5. The last week of October, I attended the Georgia Airport Association's Annual Conference on Saint Simon's Island. As you may remember, we hosted the event last year and I remain Treasurer of the state-wide organization of airport operators, managers, consultants and affiliated vendors.

We received an update on the two AIP funding bills circulating through Congress, with the Association's obvious preference being the House Bill usually referred to as Air Bill 2000. This bill introduced by Congressman Schuster, which has passed the House of Representatives, calls for a five year program with a minimum of \$2.2 Billion in airport improvements the first year increasing to more than \$4 Billion by the fifth year. It would also take the Aviation Trust Fund off the federal budget, thus freeing the money collected from aviation users to be spent on aviation programs as it was originally intended.

The Senate version calls for a two year bill of modest spending, but would leave the Trust Fund under the federal budget. We will watch the attempts by the Congress to resolve these and other differences with a joint compromise bill and report back to you with their final efforts.

I also spoke with a vendor that has an FAA approved surface treatment for asphalt that we might want to consider for the runway to help protect the surface from the slow erosion that occurs naturally over time. The product is different than a typical seal coating in that it actually penetrates the surface and re-bonds the loose sand and small aggregate in the top 3/8ths of an inch of the asphalt, which in-turn slows the erosion. The company that produces the product has indicated they will provide an on-site demonstration for our review. This type of pavement maintenance is eligible for both federal and state funding.

6. Finally, we are currently housing a new ASA Regional Jet in the annex hangar until they introduce it later this month. They have it painted in a Special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary paint scheme and are actually "hiding" it from their employees and the public until the great unveiling on November 20. It was a tight fit with all of the Confederate Air Force's equipment in the bay, but it proves that the hangar can be used for large corporate aircraft when needed.

## **2. Wilbur Smith & Associates - Ed Doyle**

Due to lack of progress regarding the acquisition of the 2.21 acres needed to start construction of AIP #11, WSA had no report.

#### IV. OLD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

#### V. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- 99-11-01 Consider creation of Assistant Manager position and Part-time Bookkeeper position; amend budget to fund both positions; and authorize Airport Manager to fill both positions.**

Mr. Savage explained his desire to add an Assistant Manager to assume many of the duties that the full-time Bookkeeper/Office Manager had previously performed prior to Ms. Clair Ford's resignation, plus additional functions needed to relieve some of the work load from the Airport Manager's position. He explained that he believed that a part-time bookkeeper could keep the books and recommended that the Authority create a part-time bookkeeper position for this purpose. Ms. Ford has agreed to continue in the part-time position at a fixed salary.

Mr. Savage introduced Mr. B. Andrew Bolton to the Authority as his recommendation for the Assistant Manager's position, explaining that Mr. Bolton is a graduate of Auburn University with a degree in Aviation Management and that he has been working part-time for the Authority on the service desk and on the flight line for the last year.

Mr. Good agreed that the workload associated with running an airport and an FBO were consuming most of Mr. Savage's time to the point that his ability to focus on the planning and growth that is expected at the airport over the next year would be severely hampered. Mr. Good requested Mr. Savage to review the amendments to budget necessary to fund the additional expense, which amounts to approximately \$700 per month.

Following the review, Mr. Good moved to approve the requests as outlined in the agenda item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelmes and passed unanimously.

- 99-11-02 Authorize Airport Manager to purchase 2.21 acres adjacent to airport as part of Airport Improvement Project #11.**

Mr. Buffington asked Mr. Savage to review the land acquisition issue, which he discussed briefly. Mr. Savage pointed out that efforts to negotiate with Pathways Communities for a reduced price per acre were unsuccessful and even though the Authority has condemnation powers to acquire the land for the appraised value of \$35,000 per acre, the cost to do so would more than likely exceed the additional \$5,000 per acre wanted by the owners.

Mr. Terry Washington of the Federal Aviation Administration has agreed that it is better to pay the additional price than incur the cost of condemnation and has agreed to amend the FAA grant to include the additional land costs.

Mr. Warner recommended that the Authority approve the purchase at the higher fees and authorize Mr. Savage to sign the documents for the Authority so the AIP #11 project can be started as soon as possible.

A discussion followed regarding language in the purchase agreement about future paving of Stallings Road, with the guidance to Mr. Warner that it be stated clearly in the agreement that the Authority's financial participation in any such road paving be limited to an amount proportional to the benefit derived by the Authority.

It was also the Authority's opinion that in addition to the Airport Authority, that Pathways Communities, the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority, the City of Peachtree City and the Fayette County Government would also benefit from such a road improvement and therefore should participate in some manner as well.

A motion was made by Mr. Good and seconded by Ms. Nelmes to approve the purchase of the 2.21 acres as proposed, stating that the Airport Manager and Airport Authority Attorney be authorized to complete the purchase agreement as directed and that the Airport Manager be authorized to sign the necessary documents for the Authority to complete such purchase.

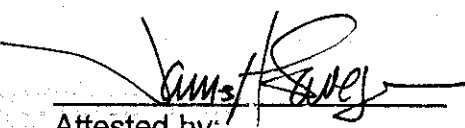
The motion passed unanimously.

A question and answer period followed the second agenda item action, with several members of the public addressing the various actions taken by the Authority. No further actions were requested of, nor taken by the Authority.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:47 p.m., hearing no additional items for discussion in either open or Executive Session, Mr. Buffington called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Good moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Nelmes and which passed unanimously.

Attested by: 

  
Robert B. Patterson, Chairman

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**THE FLIGHT INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT  
WITH HUNTING AIRCRAFT INC. TO ACQUIRE ALL ITS FACILITIES AT FALCON  
FIELD, PEACHTREE CITY, GA.**

Peachtree City, Ga. November 10, 1999 – The Flight International Group, Inc. announced today that it has reached an agreement with Hunting Aircraft Inc. to acquire all of Hunting Aircraft's facilities at Falcon Field, Peachtree City, Georgia.

The Flight International Group will begin relocation of its corporate headquarters from Newport News, Virginia to Falcon Field sometime next Spring. Sharing the new facilities with the Executive and Administrative staffs will be the Group's Engineering and Imaging divisions. Forty personnel may transfer from the Group's Virginia, New York, Texas and California offices and approximately sixty new hires are expected from the Peachtree City area.

The Flight International Group has been an industry leader in Commercial Air Services, aircraft maintenance and aerospace technology since the early 1980's. "The new Falcon Field facility will allow our Company to grow in ways that we hope will establish us as a major international player in our field," commented David Sandlin, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Group. "Our ability to live and work comfortably in these beautiful surroundings, while at the same time being able to take advantage of the excellent communications and transportation infrastructure in the Atlanta area, should have a significant impact on the productivity and quality of life of our employees."

The Flight International Group also has operating facilities in Anchorage, Alaska and Naples, Italy. ★★★

PEACHTREE CITY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AS OF:

November 30, 1999

Members	Regular Meetings	Meetings	Regular	Special Called	Special Called	Total
	Last 12 Months	Attended	Attendance %	Meetings Last 12 Months	Meetings Attended	Attendance %
David M. Good	12	9	75%	2	2	79%
Susan M. Cates	12	9	75%	2	2	79%
Robert B. Patterson	12	11	92%	2	2	93%
Catherine M. Nelmes *	11	11	100%	2	2	100%
H.E. Buffington	12	11	92%	2	2	93%

Note: \* New member as of 1/1/99

Members	Dates Absent	Type
David M. Good	6/2/99	Regular
	7/7/99	Regular
	10/6/99	Regular
Susan M. Cates	1/6/99	Regular
	5/5/99	Regular
	9/1/99	Regular
Robert B. Patterson	11/10/99	Regular
Catherine M. Nelmes		
H.E. Buffington	8/3/99	Regular

Meeting Dates	Type
1/6/99	Regular
2/10/99	Regular
2/24/99	Special
3/3/99	Regular
4/7/99	Regular
5/5/99	Regular
6/2/99	Regular
7/7/99	Regular
8/3/99	Regular
9/1/99	Regular
9/27/99	Special
10/6/99	Regular
11/10/99	Regular
12/1/98	Regular