

**VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

Members Present: John R. White
Edward "Earl" Maine
Frank Sims
Stephen Lowe
Andy Puckett
Dr. James E. Baker
David G. Anderson

Guest Present: See Attachment

The Virginia Highlands Airport Authority Board of Directors met on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in conference room "A" of the Terminal Building. Mr. White, Chairman, determined that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order. Also present were Mickey Hines, Airport Manager, Jim Elliott, Airport Attorney, Kristy Miller, Executive Assistant and Amber Miller, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. White call for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 11, 2017.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Puckett moved to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2017. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White called for the Financial Report.

Mr. Puckett gave the Financial Report.

Mr. White called for the Manager's Report.

Mr. Hines gave the Manager's Report.

Mr. Hines presented the Board with a Resolution regarding Opposition to the 115th Congress H.R. 2997.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Lowe moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Mr. Maine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White called for the Operations Committee Report.

Mr. Maine stated that the Operations Committee had not met.

Mr. White called for the Development Committee Report.

Mr. Lowe stated that the Development Committee had not met.

Mr. White called for the Audit Committee Report.

Mr. Puckett stated that the Audit Committee has not met due to conflicting schedules. However, the draft Audit and Mr. Nelsons letter of review has been reviewed by each Committee member and are all in agreement to approve the Draft Audit. If the board would like the Committee to meet and bring it back to the Board next month it can or if everyone has had a chance to review the Audit, then it can be voted on tonight.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Lowe moved to approve the Audit as presented. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White called for Unfinished Business.

None.

Mr. White called for New Business.

Mr. Hines inquired about paying Mr. Nelson for his review of the Audit.

Discussion ensued.

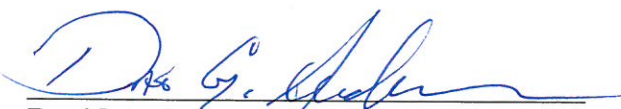
Mr. Lowe moved to pay Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Mr. Nelson. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White called for Public Comments.

None.

No Closed Session.

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn. Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.


David Anderson, Secretary


John R. White, Chairman

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

REGARDING OPPOSITION TO

115TH CONGRESS H.R. 2997

***A BILL TO TRANSFER OPERATION OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO A SEPARATE NON-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATE ENTITY,
TO REAUTHORIZE PROGRAMS OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.***

WHEREAS, Virginia Highlands Airport Authority (the "Authority") has operated Virginia Highlands Airport as a civil, general aviation airport in Washington County, Virginia, since 1984, and

WHEREAS, the Authority has operated the airport as an integral part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), and

WHEREAS, the Authority has operated the airport as an integral part of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Air Transportation System, and

WHEREAS, Virginia Highlands Airport is owned and operated by Washington County, Virginia and the Authority, and

WHEREAS, national, state and local taxpayers have provided extensive funds to develop and improve the airport in order to provide a modern and safe general aviation facility that serves southwest Virginia, and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2997, the "21" Century Aviation Innovation, Reform and Reauthorization Act (21 Century AIRR Act) is to be considered by Congress, and

WHEREAS, if passed, the bill would split the FAA in two, separating up to 35,000 employees from Federal service and placing them in the employ of a private corporation called the American Air Navigation Service Corporation, and

WHEREAS, this bill would disrupt all current FAA programs and would fail to solve the most significant problems facing the aviation system, and

WHEREAS, passing of this bill will place air traffic control under the effective control of airlines with no government appeal process, and will result in less aviation services for rural areas, and

WHEREAS, over \$14 billion of taxpayer funds currently in the Aviation Trust Fund would be handed over to a group of private citizens that would not be accountable to Congress, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will not eliminate airline delays, when in fact most delays (80%) are caused by weather and the airlines themselves, and

WHEREAS, under this proposed bill, private parties would be given sweeping authority to restrict access to airports and to airspace, set and collect air transportation taxes, and increase costs for flying, and

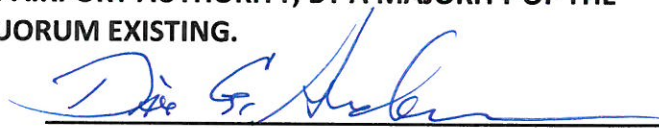
WHEREAS, hundreds of local, state and national organizations have stepped forward to oppose this legislation. Among the organizations opposed is the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Business Aviation Association, National Air Transportation Association, Virginia Aviation Business Association, and the Experimental Aircraft Association. And,

WHEREAS, the billions of dollars and time that would be spent transitioning our nation's air traffic control system to a private entity can be better applied to continuing progress to update and modernize our air traffic control system and developing a long-term FAA Reauthorization that would create the stability and funding necessary to improve our current system.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority is hereby opposed to HR 2997, and authorizes the Airport Manager and Authority Chairman to express the views of the Authority regarding opposition to the bill.

ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY, BY A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS PRESENT AND VOTING, A QUORUM EXISTING.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. G. H. H.", is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY
GUEST LIST - October 11, 2017

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