



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sherry Lucas	Board Member, District 2	Present	
JoAnne Daniels	Board Member, District 3	Present	
Leslie T. Atkinson	Vice-Chair, District 1	Present	
Bill Blackman	Board Member, District 7	Present	
Rob Boyette	Chair, District 5	Present	
Chris Hill	Board Member, District 6	Present	
Roger Lucas	Board Member, District 4	Present	

Others Present: Denise Stinagle, County Manager; Ron Hunt, Clerk to the Board; Steve Beaman, County Attorney; Tiffany Reese, Financial Services Director; and News Media

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

- A. **Mr. Dion Viventi, Rocky Mount-Wilson Regional Airport Authority**, to request an allocation of \$211,458 for match funding for the runway and taxiway pavement project for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Boyette called the recessed meeting to order. He asked Mr. Dion Viventi to come forward.

Mr. Viventi stated that as part of this request he wanted to remind commissioners that \$280 million is the estimated return on investment. The current runway is old and needs to be maintained. We have an incredible offer of 90% of the funding from the state. They are asking the county for 1/7 of the 10% match. So far, Nash and Edgecombe have voted for the funding match. The City of Rocky Mount will vote this Wednesday and the City of Wilson will vote on December 13, 2018.

Commissioner Blackman stated he has kept an open mind, but it is a lot of money. Somehow Wilson County should be able to recruit some of the income back to Wilson to get a return on the taxes. We would want to see exactly where all the money the airport makes is going.

Commissioner Hill stated it would be interesting to see if the revenue from taxes could go back to the airport authority and not back to any stakeholders to be in a capital account. He would love to see that conversation occur.

Mr. Viventi stated that 67 cents on \$100 of assessed value is paid in taxes to Nash County.

Commissioner R. Lucas explained that the County Manager and he had discussed that the charter needed to be updated. It is a bit outdated. There is a possibility to update the charter to address the taxes that do not come back to Wilson County. The airport is viable for this community.

Commissioner Boyette stated he read the report on the corporate use of the airport and questioned if there has been any effort to come to other corporations in Wilson and advertise to use the airport.

Mr. Viventi stated there has not been any efforts to advertise as they have a very small budget and they keep costs down.

Commissioner Hill moved to approve the request for \$211,458 contingent on all stakeholders that are a part of the charter approving the funding request. This will be awarded to the authority over the course of two years.

Commissioner R. Lucas seconded.

Commissioner Hill then asked if the authority can re-examine looking at the charter to view to see if the tax could go to the airport authority.

Mr. Viventi stated that he thinks as a general consensus that the charter needs to be amended and there needs to be a discussion among the entities and receive all of their input. There should be a group meeting that is representative of all of the supporters.

Commissioner Hill said it would certainly be beneficial to the airport.

Mr. Viventi said absolutely.

Commissioner Boyette requested that we include Mr. Viventi's comments as part of the minutes. That way we can keep the motion as it is, but include the comments as part of the recorded minutes.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chris Hill, Board Member, District 6
SECONDER:	Roger Lucas, Board Member, District 4
AYES:	Sherry Lucas, JoAnne Daniels, Leslie T. Atkinson, Bill Blackman, Rob Boyette, Chris Hill, Roger Lucas

Commissioner Boyette thanked everyone that attended tonight's meeting and expressed appreciation for the airport authority coming on two nights.

Commissioner Hill expressed appreciation to the airport authority as well.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus of the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk to the Board