

**AIRPORT PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Monday – March 14, 2022

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District #1: Brad Ketcher	Business: Jeff Northgraves	Environmental: Linda Garat
District #2: Roger Peabody	Owls Head: Adam Philbrook	Commercial Pilot: Katie Shaw
District #3: Dick Witherspoon	Flying Club: Ron Vanosdol	STH: Jan Gaudio
Airport Business: Bill Packard		

**Members present via Zoom:** Ron Vanosdol, Dick Witherspoon, Brad Ketcher, Jeff Northgraves, Roger Peabody, Bill Packard, Katie Shaw

Non-members present: Jeremy Shaw (Manager) Andrew Hart (County Administrator) Dorothy Meriwether (County Commissioner)

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Chair Ron Vanosdol called the meeting to order @ 5:03PM.

**RECOGNIZED GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** Lauren Swartzbaugh (OHAAC), David Dineen (Gayle Associates), Lauren Dillard (OHAAC), Kathy Allain, Aladar Nesser, Amie Gray, James Katsiaticas. There were no public questions or comments.

**Act to approve the Minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:** Jeff Northgraves made a motion to approve the minutes, Katie Shaw seconded the motion. Chair Vanosdol asked the manager for a roll-call vote. Bill Packard abstained, and the rest voted to approve. The motion passed **6-1-0**

**Act to review and adopt the changes to the APAC Bylaws as recommended by the County's Attorney James Katsiaticas:** James Katsiaticas reported back to the APAC with changes that the APAC membership requested him to modify to the proposed Bylaw updates. Due to the difficulty with getting a quorum together for some meetings, the APAC requested that a quorum consist of at least half of the membership (or 5 members), with a majority of members being present required to act on an item. The same quorum request was requested for subcommittees as well. Attorney Katsiaticas also addressed Jeff Northgraves concern rained regarding the freedom of access applicability to advisory committees. Attorney Katsiaticas said that he revisited the statutes and it says that any board, commission, or agency of any County, even an advisory one. He also reported that the Governor has the ability to create an advisory organization, and the ability for the Governor to exempt one, but that this doesn't qualify for that carve-out. Jeff Northgraves referenced Title 1 Chapter 13; 403(6) specifically talks about advisory bodies is exempt from paragraph 2, which requires you to document attendance and votes. Attorney Katsiaticas responded that for every county meeting has to have a record of the meeting including date, time and place of the meeting, members present/absent, all motions and votes taken, and roll call by name. He stated the APAC was exempt from the record of meetings provision, but otherwise subject to the freedom of access act. Brad Ketcher made the point that although these may be APAC records, ultimately they are County records subject to Freedom of Access requests. Brad also added that even if there is an issue about the open records law, that it's better business to be open and transparent. Attorney Katsiaticas stated that the County is operating in that manner. Chair Vanosdol asked for a motion. Bill Packard made a motion to accept as written, the changes recommended by Attorney Katsiaticas to the APAC's Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Brad Ketcher. Chair Vanosdol asked the manager to call a roll-call vote. The vote was 7-0 in approval of the motion.

**Act to review and recommend replacements for the APAC's 2 vacant seats to the Knox County**

**Commissioners:** Chair Vanosdol called for the APAC to review the flying club and commercial pilot seat resume's from the two interested individuals. Two nominees were received prior to the deadline, Aladar Nesser, and Igor Myachin. Chair Vanosdol invited Aladar to introduce himself to the APAC, and give a brief overview of his resume. Aladar spoke of his home in Camden, and his international governmental affairs, navy experience, and about ultimately retiring in 2006 as the US Consul to Gibraltar. There were no questions for Aladar, and Dick Witherspoon stated that he has an excellent background. The manager informed the committee that member Adam Philbrook had intended on relinquishing his seat, but instead chose to retain it, and that the only other seat the Committee would be considering, would be the Flying Club seat for which he had received one name. Igor Myachin was nominated by the flying club, but was not in attendance. The manager read Igor's bio for the committee. Chair Vanosdol stated that he knew both of the individuals, and that he highly recommended both candidates. Roger Peabody asked if Katie Shaw was the Commercial Pilot seat, and Katie Shaw responded that she had termed out,

but would come back in a couple of years. Chair Vanosdol asked for any additional questions, and there were none. He asked for a motion. Jeff Northgraves made a motion to approve and submit all 3 names to the commissioners for approval. Chair Vanosdol asked for a roll-call vote. The vote was 7-0 in approval. Commissioner Meriwether requested that Igor Myachin attend the commissioners meeting for a discussion, prior to being appointed to the APAC, and that she was uncomfortable appointing someone to an important committee without talking to them first.

### **Airport Manager Updates:**

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL):** The manager reported that the Airport had received 5 million dollars in additional funding under the Law.
- **Terminal Hangar:** The manager reported that the building has arrived on site, and the original building erectors had requested more money to erect the building, and a new crew was being sought to replace them, and that they should begin hanging steel in 2 weeks.
- **Airport Operation Facility:** The manager reported that Ops Facility was nearing 70% completion. The contractor was expecting the heating installation shortly. The manager reported that there were multiple interested parties for the small portion of the building that PIA would not be renting.
- **Fence, Gates, and Flying Club Internet:** The airport manager stated that the project is still in winter shutdown.
- **Solar:** The manager reported that the Solar project permitting is expected soon. He also reported that price continues to fluctuate, and will, until we have a signed contract. He also reminded the APAC of the projects importance because of the terminal's growing electrical bill which has doubled with the same usage.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** Chair Vanosdol asked about the progress of potentially acquiring Benner Lane. The manager reported that the commissioners discussed the matter in executive session, but haven't made any decision one way or the other yet. Jeff Northgraves recommended that the annual meeting be held in person.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Ron Vanosdol adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 9th, 2022 via Zoom, at 5pm.