

Habersham County Airport Commission

Work Session Minutes

December 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Habersham Airport Terminal Building
1112 Airport Rd. Cornelia, GA 30531

The Habersham County Airport Commission held a public work session on Friday, December 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room in the Habersham County Airport Terminal Building, located at 1112 Airport Rd, Cornelia, GA 30531.

Members Present: Ken Schubring, Greg Caudell, D. Higgins, Chris Limbach & Lawrence Bridges

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Staff, Members of the Public and Media.

Call To Order: Ken Schubring called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

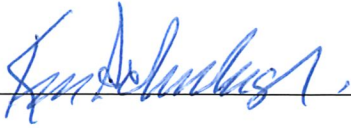
Invocation and Pledge: Brenda Reed led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Topics of Discussion: The work session meeting was held to discuss what steps are required or should be taken to allow Michelle Curcio, owner of Horizon Dreams, LLC to conduct a commercial business in her existing hangar, H-2. Having a business in H-2 would require having a paved walkway from the existing terminal parking lot to the hangar, since there is no parking available at the hangar. It would also require an amended land lease as well as a new septic system. No evidence of an existing septic system at the hangar was found by Environmental Health. Alicia suggested that all work should be hired out and managed by the County since the work is occurring on County property, then Ms. Curcio would be billed for the work. Ralph Taylor said that the entire airport property would need to be surveyed. Brenda stated that it has been surveyed and put into one parcel/plat. D. Higgins stated that it is time to either approve the application and let Michelle begin doing the work required to use her hangar commercially (with conditions) or find another area of the airport that would suit her needs better. Other areas of the airport property were discussed as possible future hangar sites. Ms. Curcio stated that she has bank approval to build a new hangar, and that her existing hangar really does not have the space to accommodate her planes. She would be very open to building a new hangar rather than using H-2 for her business. In order for her to withdraw her single service application from her current hangar, Michelle would like to have a letter of intent from the County stating that we will build a hangar to suit her commercial needs.

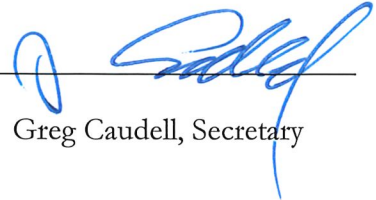
Alicia and Phil both agreed that a strategic planning session needs to take place for the airport's development and future needs, which could potentially include commercial hangars. Phil stated that the FAA gives more funding to airports who have at least a 100 aircraft-based airport so growing to that capacity would be financially beneficial.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chris Limbach, seconded by Greg Caudell, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 am.

The next meeting is January 10, 2021.



Ken Schubring, Chairman



Greg Caudell, Secretary