



**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

The Moore County Board of Commissioners convened for a Special Meeting jointly with the Moore County Airport Authority at 1:00pm, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the Moore County Airport, 7825 Aviation Drive, Carthage, NC.

The purpose of the meeting, duly advertised, was to orient the newly elected commissioners to the Airport, and to update the Board on the Airport's current and near-term projects and longer range plans.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Nick Picerno, Vice Chairman Frank Quis, Jim Von Canon, John Ritter, Kurt Cook

Chairman Picerno called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

Airport Authority Chairman Mike Jones, assisted by his fellow Authority members and Airport Manager Ron Maness, provided a presentation to the Board. The presentation is hereby incorporated as a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix A.

There was discussion regarding timing of projects, particularly relating to the US Opens.

A request was made for the Board to support appropriations for infrastructure projects, to start an Airport infrastructure fund, and to consult the Business Advisory Council when considering new Authority members. Mr. Maness noted that the current Authority was one of the best with which he had ever worked. There was discussion regarding potentially asking the legislature to change the term limits for Authority members.

Chairman Picerno shared that he liked the rendering of the proposed new terminal. Authority member Tom McPherson noted that the FAA typically did not fund hangars or terminal work so they would go to the State as the most likely source of funding for it. Mr. McPherson indicated it could be very helpful if the County was partnered with the Airport regarding support of that request for more favorable consideration from the State.

Chairman Picerno discussed also partnership with the Convention and Visitors Bureau for funding as it related so much to tourism.

Mr. Peter Stilwell with Tarheel Communications reviewed upcoming events at the Airport.

Chairman Picerno suggested inquiring with Pinehurst also regarding funding since the terminal rendering was modeled to look like their facilities.

There was further discussion amongst all about upcoming events, community involvement, and the Airport as an integral part of the County's economic prosperity.

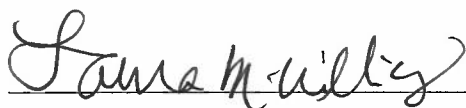
Commissioner Quis asked for an idea of how much funding the Airport was seeking from the County over the next five to ten years. Mr. McPherson indicated there was not a specific number but the property tax generated by the Airport would be about \$200,000/year so over five years they could have savings of \$1M. It was noted that funds generated by the Airport and fed back into the Airport resonated with the Airport community and could also be useful when lobbying the State. It was noted that the funds requested were not for an operational gap, and that most airports in the country did receive government support.

Partners in Progress Executive Director Natalie Hawkins discussed the Airport as an economic engine and a tremendous community asset. CVB Executive Director Phil Werz said it was great to see both entities (Board and Authority) meeting together on this day. A citizen, Mr. John Lewis, said the support the Board of Commissioners provided was invaluable, and he reinforced allocating property taxes generated by the Airport being allocated toward Airport improvements and operations.

Authority members and staff provided a tour of Airport facilities to the commissioners and County staff.

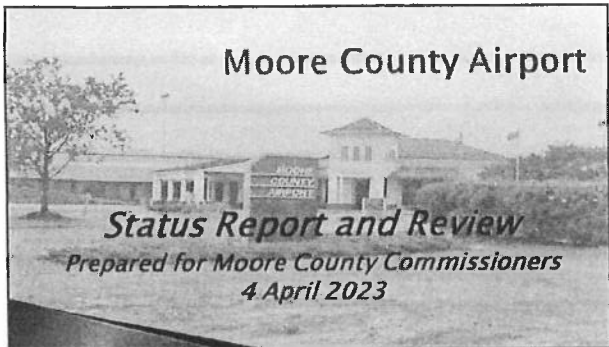
There being no further business, upon motion made by Commissioner Quis, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the April 4, 2023, Special Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 2:15pm.

 Chairman

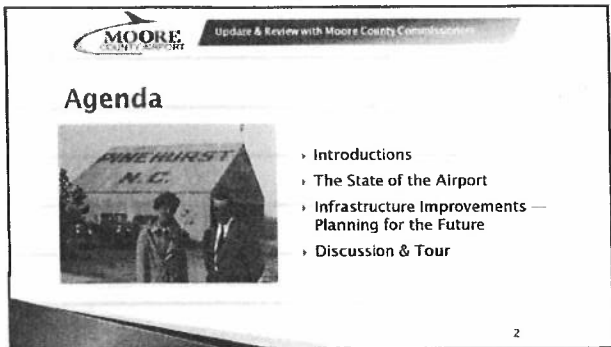
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APPENDIX A 04/04/2023 Special Meeting



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We Know Where We're Going

- OUR VISION:**
As the aviation gateway to the Home of American Golf, we will serve our region as *the best general aviation airport in North America.*
- OUR MISSION:**
To be an engine of economic growth and opportunity for the people of Moore County, the Region, the State ...



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The State of Our Airport

- We're the Premier Aviation Destination in NC; Top Ten in USA**
We're Part of the "National Aerospace System" Supporting Visitors from all over the USA
Contributing 300 Jobs and \$107 Million to the Local Economy Each Year
- We're a Competitive Service Business with a Big Impact**
We operate with a "Commercial Business" mandate
FY24 Revenues: \$5.9 million; Non-Capital Expenditures: \$4.9 million
Net Position improved from \$3.4M to \$7.3M from FY17 to FY22 (Capital)
Cash Position improved from \$2.0M to \$5.1M from FY17 to FY22 (net of loans)
- We're Busy**
30,000 Operations/Year from 104 Based Aircraft, 120+ Pilots
Pump 600,000 Gallons of Fuel/Year
A business-critical resource -- Pinehurst Resort, Pine Needles, Total Flight, PMS, MAG, DST.
- While Operationally Self-Sufficient We Cannot Self-Fund Upcoming Capital Maintenance and Improvements**

About \$200K/year of cash position improvement

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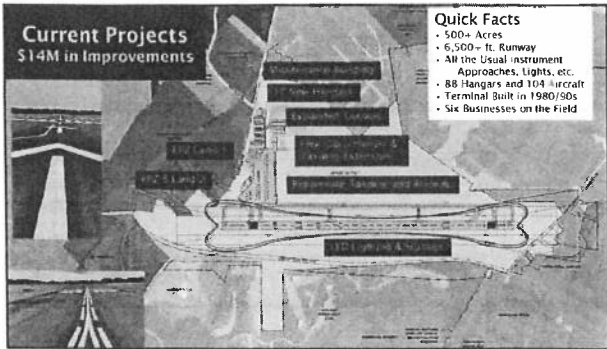
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The Business Advisory Committee

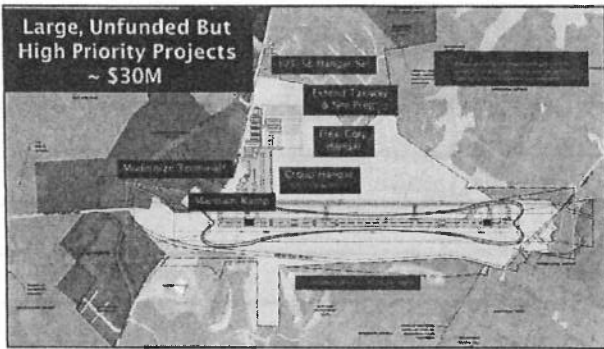
- We Seek Input and Support from Local Businesses to Be Responsive to Their Needs**
- We Also Use Them to Learn about Best Practices and Technologies**
- They're A Great Sounding-Board for Ideas and Improvements**
- They're Even Closer to Our Customers than We Are**

Members
Eric Kuester, Pinehurst Resort
Natalie Hawkins, Partners in Progress
Germaine Elkins, Sandhills CC
Janeen Driscoll, USGA
Phil Werz, Visitor & Convention
Gretchen Kelly, First Health
Charles Gregg, Pinehurst Surgical
Pat Molamphy, Molamphy Insurance

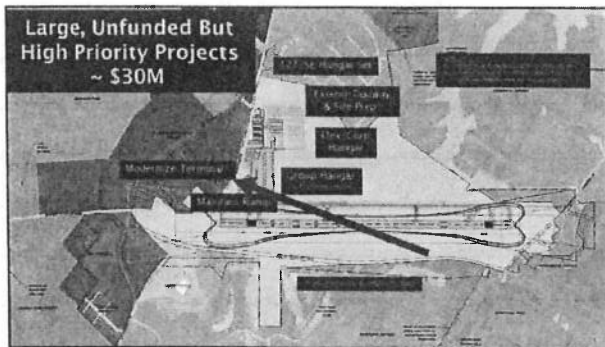
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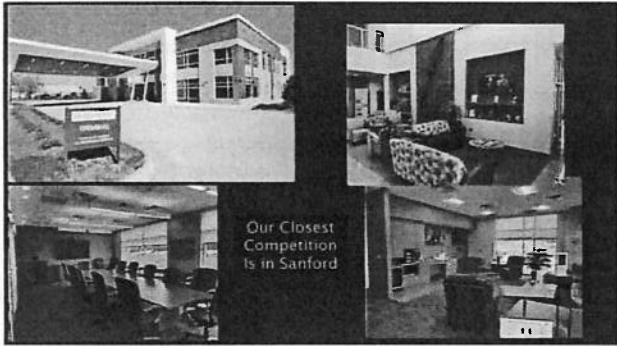
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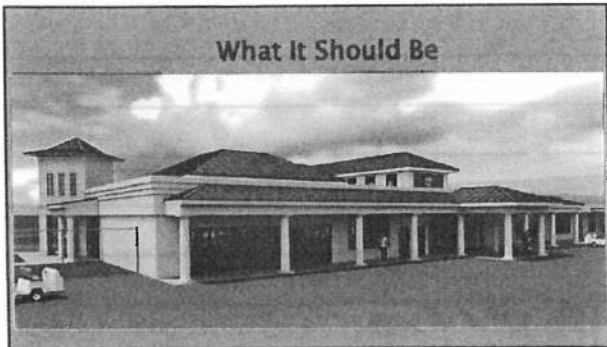
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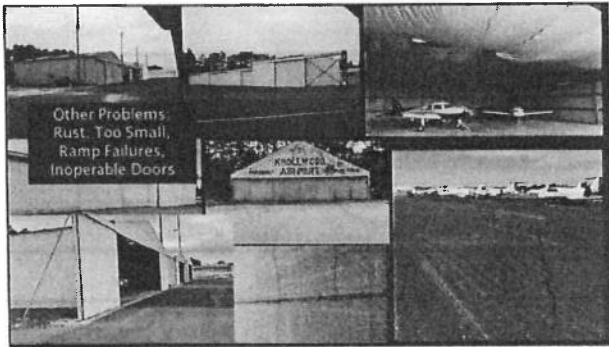
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Plus... There Are New Technologies Coming

- Fast and Convenient Point-to-Point Travel
- Almost Noiseless, Zero Emissions, Battery Powered
- "Fictionless" Journeys to Hard-to-Reach Locations

A Game Changer for Our Resorts

A futuristic, multi-rotor aircraft with a sleek, aerodynamic design, shown in flight against a dark background.

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