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**Executive Committee of the Board Meeting 2:00 p.m., Terminal Building, August 23, 2018**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Chairman Locke. The meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Locke with Directors Rich, Town, and Schierer present and Director Nichols excused by prior notice. A quorum was established with four of the 5 Executive Committee members present.
2. Approve Noticed Items. Discussion was held on notice of presentation from Holmes County Development Commission regarding TCAA future airport planning and tree trimming quotes, which was clarified as requesting funding for tree trimming agreement and funding.
3. Approval of Minutes. N/A
4. Pubic Input. No public was present or had submitted any input to the meeting on items not noticed.
5. New Business. Lee Lewis with Avcon was present at the meeting. He confirmed that the contract for the tree trimming and removal project has been signed. The remaining item was Avcon’s Task Order No. 4 which would provide Tree Clearing Support services and be paid through the grant funds. Mr. Lewis explained that Avcon’s responsibilities will be to provide general project support and administration services to facilitate clearing of existing trees within the contract area. This items has been discussed with the Board at previous meetings because of the exigent need to clear the runway approach. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Presentation: Holmes County Development Commission member Raymond Thomas was present with Joe Cellura, a visitor requesting to be heard by the Board. Jeff Allen, ECS, was present. Mr. Cellura is from Silicon Valley, California, and stated he has business interests that deal with planes at multiple levels. He stated that he is associated with a company that has a contract with Dornia [phonetic spelling], which is a sea plane. He has participated in the past with various levels of community development. One of which he identified and detailed as a 400-acre ranch, wherein planes were a focal point of that community, including antique planes. He said that his company is to become a north American distributor for Dornia sea planes. His company is looking for a community to assist as an emergency management location as well as have similar operations as the Chalks airline, which operated as a commuter airline. As distributor for Dornia, they would be looking for opportunities for development as well as location to land planes in case of emergencies such as hurricanes. Bonifay is of interest because of the vast undeveloped land. He would like so see a community developed on a public and private partnership basis. The development community would have an aviation focus and provide emergency management relief for the sea planes if his development works out in Bay County. Mr. Cellura also discussed his development background and experiences as well as stating he would provide bio information on himself and others in his development group. He mentioned he had been

in contact with the airport manager last fall and his company has continued exploring development options in this area. He said Bonifay is one of several areas they are looking at for this type of community development. Their working project is named: Seven Palms Ranch. Mr. Lewis with Avcon stated that most of the airport's improvements and expansions are limited to FDOT and FAA guidelines and restrictions. Mr. Cellura stated he is familiar with those type of restrictions within development. He said he has had relationships and or discussion with persons involved with St. Joe, Sweet Bay, old Panama City airport, old ship building facility in Bay County and downtown Panama City areas. Mr. Cellura and Mr. Lewis discussed several development stages and decided to continue discussion at a later time. Mr. Cellura thanked the board members for their time.

Adjournment. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Date: Approved at the November 13, 2018, Regular Monthly Meeting

  
Attest: Kimberly A. Schierer  
Tri-County Airport Authority Secretary