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Merit Board Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2023

Richard B. Russell Airport

Present:

Nicholle Harrison – Chair

Eddie Chubb – Vice Chair

John Reiners – Member

John Harkins – Member

Jim Ford – Member

Darryl Bowie – HR Director

Madison Bradshaw – HR Technician

John Carroll – Airport Manager

Nicholle Harrison called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting was made by Jim Ford and seconded by John Harkins.

John Carroll introduced himself and discussed the history of the Richard B. Russell Airport.

John outlined various issues the airport is facing and the needs it has at this time. He mentioned the needs for better front signage of the airport as the one they have currently is small and difficult to see. He stated the biggest need they are facing right now is getting industries to come to Floyd County and wanting to land at our airport. He pointed out that companies look at airports when deciding where to do business because executives utilize planes for travel and therefore need airports than can accommodate them.

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John pointed out several items that the Richard B. Russell airport does not have, such as a control tower, customs, and scheduled service. All of these items require enough demand for the airport to receive funding. Additionally, John discussed the influence a runway has on an airport's capabilities and growth potential. He stated that they are almost completed with a project to expand the runway to be over 7,000 feet. He further elaborated on how runway size affects the size of the plane able to land on it. He explained that while they will not be able to land a large 747 plane at Richard B. Russell Airport, extending this runway will allow for more air demand to come to Floyd County, thus helping more people wanting to do business with Floyd County.

John also elaborated on how the airport receives funding. He explained that they receive a large percentage of their funding through fuel sales, but also have tenant and lease rentals of the hangers at the airport. Additionally, they can receive federal funding and grants.

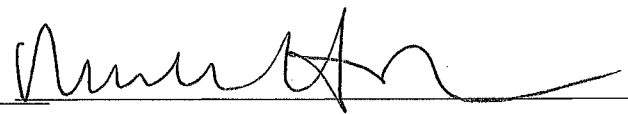
NEXT MEETING:

June 28, 2023 at 2:00pm

Nicholle Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Reiners, and the meeting was adjourned.

6/28/2023

Approved by: Nicholle Harrison, Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholle Harrison', written over a horizontal line.