

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 7th, 2023
2:45 P.M.**

Present: L.W. Nolan, Ben Bridges, Nathan Pilgreen and Curtis Moses. Also present: Johnny Buckley, Brenda Abercrombie, Nicholas Green (Airport Manager) and Jonathan Farmer (Airport Engineer - via phone).

Mr. Nolan called the meeting to order. Mr. Pilgreen led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Moses and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to approve the minutes of the February 1st, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the hangar leases that the estate of Robert Earle holds. Both leases expired on December 31, 2021. Mr. Earle signed the original lease agreements on February 23rd, 2007. Before the lease agreement was signed, Mr. Earle marked through the following paragraphs and initialed:

- *The premises herein leased are to be used and occupied solely for the purpose of storage of aircraft and related fixed base operator's activities, and no other use of the premises is permitted and all activities will comply with all existing local, state and federal codes, ordinances, regulations, laws and other authority with respect to operation of the Union Parish Airport Authority.*
- *Outside storage, including storage of vehicles, trailers, equipment, supplies or any items outside whatsoever outside of the leased buildings is prohibited.*

A certified letter was sent to the estate on December 28, 2021. The letter stated that the lease agreement had expired and no written notice was received to renew. The estate was given thirty (30) days to vacate the premises. As of today, there has been no effort to vacate the hangars.

Mrs. Bobbye Earle has contacted the Secretary/Treasurer on multiple occasions stating that she did not want to vacate the hangars. Mrs. Earle stated that she would get an airplane, if needed, to be able to keep the hangar(s).

The Secretary/Treasurer stated that there are two (2) hangars being occupied by the Earle's: Hangar twelve (12) which is preventing the future progress of the six (6) t-hangars and Hangar 5. Hangar twelve (12) was partially destroyed by a tornado several years ago.

The Secretary/Treasurer read the standards for aeronautical use of hangars from DOTD FAA 14 CFR Chapter 1 Section II. It states the following:

- a. Hangars located on airport property must be used for an aeronautical purpose, or be available for use for an aeronautical purpose, unless otherwise approved by the FAA office of Airports.
- b. Aeronautical uses for hangars include:
 - Storage of active aircraft
 - Final assembly of aircraft under construction
 - Non-commercial construction of amateur built or kit-built aircraft

- Maintenance, repair or refurbishment of aircraft, but not the indefinite storage of nonoperational aircraft
- Storage of aircraft handling equipment, towbars, glider tow equipment, workbenches, tools and materials used in the servicing, maintenance, repair or outfitting of aircraft.

Jonathan Farmer, Union Parish Airport Engineer, stated that the jury could be in danger of losing federal and state funding by allowing the two (2) hangars without an aircraft inside or any of the other permissible items.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges, to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer or attorney to send a notice to the estate of Robert Earle to remove the contents of Hangars 5 and 12 at the Union Parish Airport within thirty days. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Nolan declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Bridges and duly seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 7th day of February, 2023.

**L.W. Nolan, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**