



# Meeting Minutes

**City of Gainesville  
Airport Advisory Board Meeting  
Airport Terminal Conference Room  
Monday, September 15, 2003 5:15 PM**

**Members Present:** Carroll Johnson, Mike McKenzie, Earl Russell, Ginger Herrmann, Nancy Brannon, Earl Clement

**Members Absent:** Richard Lira

**Staff Present:** Matt Quick, Leslie Greer

**Visitors Present:** Bill Morrow, Kenneth McCool, Joe Leonard

The **first item of business** was calling the meeting to order at 5:15pm by Mike McKenzie.

The **second item of business** was discussion and action on meeting minutes from August 11, 2003. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Earl Clement, with a second made by Earl Russell. Ayes: McKenzie, Johnson, Brannon, Russell, Herrmann, Clement. Nays: None. Absent: Lira.

The **third item of business** was citizen/tenant comments. None were given.

The **fourth item of business** was a presentation by Mr. Kenneth McCool on his desire to offer a weather related course at the airport. Mr. McCool will unveil the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of his book titled "Aviation Meteorology Unscrambled" in January, 2004. He approached the board regarding his interest in teaching a weather class at the airport, in relation to his new book. The class would be aimed at pilots and at the same time be open to all interested parties as well. Cost for taking the class will be seventy (\$70) dollars which will include cost of the book at forty three (\$43) dollars and tuition at twenty seven (\$27) dollars. Depending upon the interest level and other factors, the class will be held at Tomlinson Avionics or the airport terminal building conference room. Other details to be worked out include the class setup; i.e. one eight hour class, or four two hour classes. A unanimous reaction in favor of Mr. McCool

starting a class at the airport was revealed by board members. From this point Mr. McCool, Bill Morrow and the Airport Director will coordinate with one another in hopes of starting a class early in the year 2004.

The **fifth item of business** was a presentation by Mr. Joe Leonard on renaming the Gainesville Municipal Airport after a citizen with local ties. Mr. Leonard handed out information regarding the career history of General Lew Allen, Jr., the individual he would like to see the airport named after. He covered information regarding General Allen's impressive career and all that he has been involved with over the years. Mr. Leonard would like to hold a dedication ceremony in General Allens honor at the airport. He believes many distinguished individuals would be present. General Lew Allen, Jr. is seventy eight (78) years of age and currently resides in Virginia. Earl Clement brought to attention the upcoming construction timetable and expressed that it could possibly coincide with a dedication if one were to take place. Carroll Johnson mentioned the steps the airport would have to take in the process of a name change. The Airport Director will look into the logistics of changing the name of the airport and will discuss it with board members in a future meeting.

The **sixth item of business** was Airport Director reports. The Airport Director provided reports on the August 2003 fuel sales, pre-bid meeting for the upcoming CIP project, and the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held by Bell Aero, incoming airport tenant.

The **seventh item of business** was Board member comments. Earl Russell brought to the boards' attention the condition of the Tuttle Aircraft Painting and Maintenance hangar due to Mr. Tuttle's lack of effort to drape the interior walls of the hangar with plastic in order to prevent paint overspray while painting aircraft. Ginger Herrmann inquired about the trash situation with Weber Aircraft. The Airport Director will follow up with subjects mentioned. There was also discussion regarding the renaming of the airport. Although much discussion is to take place later regarding this subject, as a whole, board members seemed more in favor of naming the airport after war veterans or Camp Howze if a name change takes place.

The **eighth item of business** was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Earl Russell, with a second made by Nancy Brannon.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.