

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the MNAA General
Aviation/Operations/Planning & Engineering and
MPC Engineering & Planning Committees**



Date: January 15, 2020 Place: Nashville International Airport Board Room
Nashville, Tennessee

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Bill Freeman, Chair; Nancy Sullivan, Vice Chair; and
Amanda Farnsworth

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jimmy Granbery; Bobby Joslin; Christy Smith; Doug
Kreulen; Cindy Barnett; and Angela Edwards

I. Call to Order

Chair Freeman called the General Aviation/Operations/Planning & Engineering (GAOPE) Committee meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., pursuant to Public Notice dated January 10, 2020.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Freeman called for approval of the Minutes of the December 11, 2019 GAOPE Committee meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Farnsworth and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion carried by vote of 3 to 0.

III. Chair's Report

Chair Freeman had no Chair's Report.

IV. Items for Approval

None

V. Information Items

A. JWN Air Traffic Control Tower & Westside Access Road

Mr. Robert Ramsey, SVP, Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Committee on this item. Mr. Ramsey presented a history of the JWN Air Traffic Control Tower Timeline. Pond and Company (Pond), Architect of Record, submitted a draft siting study to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which narrowed

the tower location to three sites. All three sites were deemed to be low safety risk. Pond recommended Site 1A due to its central location, avoidance of west views into late sun, enabling of future airport development, clear line of site and lack of adverse impacts to instrument approach procedures. With this recommendation, staff proceeded with design of recommended site to expedite completion of the tower.

An RFP for Construction of the tower was released and one construction proposal was received in December 2019. On January 5, 2020 staff was advised the FAA would conduct a Safety Management System (SMS) Panel on January 14, 2020. Upon arrival of the FAA on January 14, 2020, staff was advised the FAA had changed its process and would be conducting a Comparative Siting Analysis (CSA) instead of an SMS. This site evaluation was conducted with air traffic controllers using virtual reality goggles to simulate each site. FAA Controllers preferred Site 3.

Staff recommended stopping the construction approval process for the JWN Air Traffic Control Tower and suggested next steps of:

- Confirm current/revised process with FAA
- Anticipate results of FAA CSA study by end of January 2020
- Pond will update the draft siting study with FAA CSA recommendations
- Work with FAA to finalize jointly recommended tower location
- If Site 3 is selected:
 - Redesign will be required (approximately \$600K)
 - Tower completion will be delayed 6-9 months

After questions and lengthy discussions among Committee, Board members and staff, Commissioner Farnsworth made a motion to accept and proceed with the FAA's recommendation of Site 3 for the location of the JWN Air Traffic Control Tower. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business before the GAOPE Committee, Chair Freeman adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.


Amanda Farnsworth, Secretary


Staff Secretary