

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES**  
**TAHLEQUAH CITY AIRPORT BOARD MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Date: September 16, 2021      Time: 5:30 p.m.**

**The meeting was held at 2100 Airport Parkway, Tahlequah, OK 74464**

**Agenda for the meeting was posted September 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**

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1. Meeting called *to order* by Chairman James Mahaney at 5:32 p.m.

Chairman James Mahaney called the Roll call as follows:

2. **Roll call.**

**Present:**

Ward I	Tesina O'Field
Ward II	Mark Hodson
Ward III	James Mahaney
Ward IV	Louis White
At Large	Dower Combs (arrived late at approximately 5:37 p.m.)

**Others Present:**

Greg Blish, Tom Farmer

3. **Approval of last month's minutes.**

Board Member Louis White made a motion to approve, Board Member Mark Hodson seconded the motion.

Vote	Ayes: White, Hodson, O'Field, Mahaney	Nays: None
	Motion Carried	

4. **Airport Manager's monthly report.**

	Fuel Sales for August		
Fuel Type	Gallons	Gross Sale	Net Sale
100LL	763.0	\$3,221.74	\$5,784.26
Jet A	1507.8	\$2,380.4	\$9,519.22
Total	2,270.8	\$5,602.14	\$15,303.48

- Greg Blish said Street Commissioner Kevin Smith will assist with clearing out along fence and Parks and Recreation will clear grass around propane area.
- Kevin Smith is also expected to fix the back gate that was damaged.
- Greg Blish said he would find out the details of the \$13,000 the airport was awarded earlier this year.

**5. Discussion and possible action on approving Greg Blish for 20 hrs/wk as interim airport manager.**

Board Member Louis White made a motion to approve, Board Member Dower Combs seconded the motion.

Vote      Ayes: Hodson, Mahaney, Combs, O'Field, White      Nays: None  
                Motion Carried

Board Member Tesina O'Field asked Greg Blish if this was a volunteer or a paid position and if it was going to be paid, what budget would it come out of. Greg said it was volunteer at this point and when city administration determines the status of Airport Manager Kelly Crittenden's position, it will be discussed later. Board Member O'Field also asked Greg if the city administration gave him full authorization to sign off on purchase orders and purchase items. Greg said yes, with approval from City Administrator Alan Chapman.

Board Member O'Field said that while Greg Blish was qualified to maintain the airport operations, she expressed concerns regarding the manner of how city administration decided on an interim airport manager given the circumstances and situation of the current airport manager's position and employment. She said there were a lot of unanswered questions.

Board Member Louis White stated that it is an interim position and not full time.

Chairman James Mahaney said the board was just looking for someone to keep current operations going and that the board's job was to do what is best for the airport.

Greg Blish said he didn't believe that city administration had ever been faced with this situation before.

Board Member Mark Hodson said that most of them had been on the board when Greg Blish was the airport manager and, from his standpoint, they have a lot of confidence in him.

**6. Discussion and possible action on requesting the City of Tahlequah to start the application process for future permanent airport manager.**

Board Member Dower Combs made a motion to table, Board Member Mark Hodson seconded the motion.

Vote      Ayes: Combs, White, Mahaney, Hodson, O'Field      Nays: None  
                Motion Carried

**7. Discussion and possible action pertaining to any matter not known about or which could not have been foreseen prior to posting of this agenda.**

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Chairman James Mahaney made a motion to approve the authorization of the grant application for the FAA airport apron reconstruction grant, authorizing the mayor to sign required documents, Board Member Louis White seconded the motion.

Vote      Ayes: Mahaney, O'Field, White, Combs, Hodson      Nays: None  
                 Motion Carried

Chairman James Mahaney made a motion to not accept Lochner's proposal that was presented to the board at the August 19 meeting to assist the airport with the creation of bid specifications for fuel system upgrade, Board Member Louis White seconded the motion.

Greg Blish said he would research other companies.

Vote      Ayes: O'Field, Hodson, Mahaney, Combs, White      Nays: None  
                 Motion Carried

## 8. Adjourn.

Board Member Tesina O'Field made a motion to adjourn, Board Member Louis White seconded to adjourn meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Vote      Ayes: Combs, O'Field, White, Hodson, Mahaney      Nays: None  
                 Motion carried