



The Cumberlands Airport Commission

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6225 Airport Road
WISE, VIRGINIA 24293

The Cumberlands Airport Commission held a special called meeting on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lonesome Pine Airport.

Purpose – Unauthorized entry and removal of property from hangar

PRESENT: Donnie Rose, Chairman
George Dean, Vice Chairman
Ron Helton, Secretary/Treasurer
Danny Mullins
Bobby Tuck
Travis Anderson
Chris Starnes

ABSENT: Mary Hylton

Jarrold Powers, Airport Manager
Leonard Rogers, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donnie Rose.

Invocation was given by Bobby Tuck.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Dean.

Chairman recognized Danny Mullins to offer any discussion.

Danny Mullins stated that on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 he visited his hangar and noted that things were moved and things appeared to be missing; Danny talked to Daniel Surratt; Daniel stated that he and Jessee Coffee had removed a table to be used at Let Freedom Ring event on previous Saturday; Danny Mullins stated that a handheld radio/transceiver was also missing. Danny Mullins inquired as to who had authorized the entry and removal of table. Daniel Surratt stated that Donnie Rose and Jarrod Powers had authorized it.

Donnie, referring to a report that sent to Commission members earlier (attached), stated that he was not with Jarrod, Jesse, and Daniel when the need arose and that he did not authorize entry into hangar.

Earlier reports from Danny Mullins included reference to missing chairs; Danny stated that chairs were not removed from his hangar and he had overlooked them and that they were in his hangar.

Danny stated that he had noted no forced entry and concluded that someone had entered hangar with a key.

Again Danny Mullins stated that when he had confronted Daniel Surratt, that Daniel admitted that he had been in Danny's hangar; Danny Mullins stated that Daniel became belligerent, that they "had words".

Danny voiced concern about how many times his hangar had been accessed without his knowledge.

Donnie Rose stated that he did not authorize entry, that it was a poor decision on staff's part, that the incident occurred in "the heat of the moment", VA State plane shows up, held up opening ceremony, pilot immediately requested a table; DOAV was present, other tables and equipment were being used by Veterans recognition. Donnie stated that he felt that the best of intentions were possessed by Jarrod, Daniel, and Jesse; just poor judgment.

Donnie stated that, in an effort to arrive at transparency and full disclosure, and with nothing to hide, he had talked with Jarrod, Jesse and Daniel; and that he had contacted Wise County Sheriff's office to let them know of incident. Wise County Sheriff deputy informed Donnie that Danny Mullins would need to initiate investigation request.

Danny stated that "all they had to do was ask".

Donnie Rose stated that due to this incident, he had drafted security procedures and would be forwarding a draft of such for action at the next regular meeting.

Jarrod Powers added that he had no advanced knowledge of the State's need to table for handouts when they brought their plane in for the show on Saturday. When pilot asked, Jarrod stated to Jesse and Daniel that "we need a table". Jarrod stated that the two left and came back with a table. Jarrod stated that it wasn't until Monday that Jarrod discovered that table was from Danny Mullins' hangar.

Ron Helton asked Jarrod if he knew anything about the missing radio/transceiver. Jarrod stated that he did not.

Leonard Rogers stated that Danny Mullins needed to ask Wise County Sheriff's Office to initiate an investigation. Jarrod advised that if a local police investigation is done, FAA will need to be notified and that they will do their own investigation.

Leonard Rogers also stated that he concurred with compiling policy & procedures for security and access/key control for the Commission's adoption as soon as possible.

Danny Mullins stated that he had already contacted the Wise County Sheriff's office.

An emergency protective order (EPO) had been requested and received by Daniel Surratt against Danny Mullins. EPO was to expire at midnight 09/26/2016. Jarrod informed Commission of Daniel's intentions to extend EPO. Discussion of EPO and its affect on Danny Mullins ability to get to his plane and Daniel's employment took place.

Leonard Rogers stated that the current EPO will expire at midnight and suggested that it should be possible for Danny to go to hangar this evening to inspect hangar. Travis Anderson agreed to accompany Danny, and help return the borrowed table.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Chris Starnes to adjourn the meeting; seconded by George Dean; unanimously accepted, and the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Donnie Rose.

Signed: _____
Donnie Rose, Chairman

Ron Helton, Secretary -Treasurer