

MINUTES

Meeting - Mount Airy - Surry County Airport Authority

A meeting of the Mount Airy - Surry County Airport Authority was held at 8:00 p. m., September 10, 1974, at the Airport with the following members being present: John Banner, Howard O. Woltz, Jr. and Newell Baker.

Freddy Gray was invited to the Authority Meeting to discuss his application to the Authority to become an additional Fixed Base Operator at the Mount Airy - Surry County Airport. The meeting was also attended by W. Thomas White, attorney for the Authority. In addition to being questioned by members of the Authority, Mr. Gray extensively explained the contents of his application. Mr. Gray proposed to lease from the Authority acreage at the north end and on the west side of the existing runway on which he would place a trailer as a mobile office. He stated that the only commercial activities which he would participate in would be flight instruction in his airplane and buying and selling airplanes. He stated that he would also keep fuel for his own use. He stated that he would perform flight instruction on a part-time basis and that he was employed in another job during the day; that he was qualified to instruct for private and commercial pilot ratings but that he himself was not an instrument-rated pilot; that he was prepared to install a well, septic tank and pay for the construction of a road leading from Holly Springs Road across land of an adjacent landowner to the proposed site. He agreed to pay rent to the airport commission for the land but did not propose any amount. He stated that he had sufficient insurance coverage on his airplane and that he would obtain whatever other coverage the commission required. He stated that his office, once established, would not have a full-time attendant and that he would not perform any repair services. Mr. Gray also stated that he would not need a paved ramp area on which to taxi and park airplanes. Written parts of Mr. Gray's application are attached to these minutes. After making his presentation, Mr. Gray left the meeting.

Upon the departure of Mr. Gray the Commission proceeded to discuss his application and unanimously voted to deny Mr. Gray the right to become an additional fixed base operator for the following reasons:

1. The present market for commercial aeronautical activities at the Mount Airy - Surry County Airport is not great enough to support two competing fixed base operators providing the same services:
2. The application is incomplete and not specific enough for the authority to determine precisely what the applicant intends to do and how he intends to go about it.
3. The application does not meet the minimum requirements for all fixed base operators as set forth in Section 8 of the regulations governing the use of the Mount Airy - Surry County Airport, said regulations being the same regulations suggested for use by the Federal Aviation Administration and adopted by the Authority at its meeting on January 20, 1974.

4. The operation of the proposed FBO appeared to be for the convenience of Freddy Gray and not for the public's convenience in that it was to be a part-time operation only and was designed to offer only limited services to the public.

5. The appearance of the airport and adjacent buildings and grounds presently presents a neat image to the public which would be destroyed with the establishment of an area on which would be situated a trailer and to which the only access would be over a graveled road.

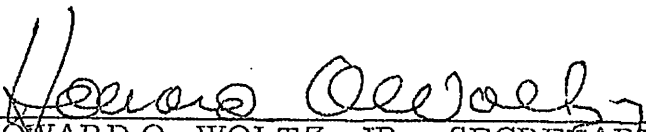
6. Mr. Gray had not made proper arrangements for the acquisition of a right of way leading to the area which he proposed to lease.

7. To bring the proposed area up to the standards required by the Authority would require a substantial financial investment and the Authority does not have funds to make such an investment and Mr. Gray did not indicate he could or would be willing to make such an investment.

8. Mount Airy Aviation, Inc. has a present need for all of the area leased by it and there is no additional area suitable for a fixed based operation meeting the standards established by the Authority which could be leased to an additional fixed base operator.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



HOWARD O. WOLTZ, JR., SECRETARY