

Airport Authority Maintenance Committee:

The Committee met on 2/19/2021 at 1400 in the Admin building with Stuart Dillon, a mechanic from Greenville NC. He is interested in opening a mechanic shop at KMRH. We verbally reviewed his general business plan, what he needs for a facility, what he would provide, what his rates are, and when he could start.

The committee members present were: Coles, Brearey and Evans (via phone). Towards the end of the meeting Evans got off the phone at 1540 and at 1545 Mr. Joyce joined the meeting which had moved to the hangar to discuss construction requirements for the needed maintenance facility based on the sketch that Mr. Dillon provided. The meeting concluded at 1640.

Mr Dillon is an A&P. Dillons Aviation was established in Greenville in 1976 and has operated there and at up to 5 locations since then including Greensboro, Wilmington and Manteo. He has multiple A&P's on staff and has a relationship with the school at the Community College in Havelock. There are 3 individuals who live locally that are commuting to Greenville who would like to work here.

He agreed verbally to lease the south side of our large hangar for a maintenance facility. The modifications he needs to the hangar have been described and include interior walls, a bathroom, parts storage, and several small offices for maintenance, a glass entry door on the parking lot side, several parking spaces, a glass door to the ramp, and a reception area/waiting room for customers.

He is able to perform final finish work to renovations including mudding sheet rock, painting, carpeting, trim etc. We would need to put up the interior walls, doors, electrical, HVAC in finished areas, and plumbing.

KMRH has struggled for many years to have good on field mechanic services. There are already 8 local airplanes that use his services in Greenville which he has provided as references.

The committee has investigated multiple options and individually interviewed multiple potential businesses searching for an on field mechanic. As a committee we agree that Dillons Aviation is the best option for providing needed maintenance services at KMRH.

Proposed motion:

That The Airport Authority investigate the costs associated with up-fitting the maintenance hangar for the purpose of enabling the establishment of a full time Airframe and Power-plant shop which could provide needed mechanic services here on the field as outlined by Mr Dillon. That the Authority negotiate and enter into a lease with Dillons Aviation for a 60 month period to lease the Southern portion of our large hangar and the associated ramp space.