

Minutes of the  
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD  
Monday, Mar 18, 2019

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MEMBERS PRESENT:	STAFF PRESENT:	GUESTS PRESENT:
Mike Roberts	Tony Lombardi, Manager	Ethan Crane
Gary Stehling	Dennis Neffendorf, County	Bev Smith
David Smith	Judie Mooney, EAA Rep	Bob/Karen Snowden
Steve Allen		Gwen Fullbrook
Bob Hickerson		
Tim Lehmberg		
Mark Cornett		
	Absent	
	Jerry Luckenback, City	

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Chairman Mike Roberts

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular Feb 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

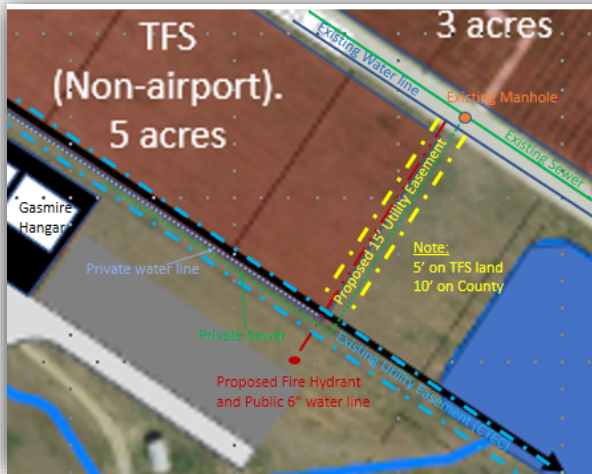
### AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- The AM gave an update of firefighting training event at T82 on the evening of May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The AM reviewed the following commissioners court actions:
  - Event Planner – the court took no action. The Auditor was going to investigate if it would cost the county to have her as a volunteer, in regard to liability insurance.
  - TFS Ramp entry road – The court rejected the quote from AKCO. The Commissioners said the county could build the road.
  - Airport Road Extension – the Commissioners agreed to pay the invoices from Rhett Hawk/Estenson.
  - Crosswind Lease extension – Approved and signed
- The AM review the Gasmire/Carruth concrete apron request... This request led to a new section in the “Minimum Operating Standards” to define concrete requirements.
- The County T hangars occupancy update. The AM stated that we are 100% full.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Budget update. The AM gave a presentation on the airport budget, including the RAMP program.
- TFS Ramp Fire Hydrant. The AM discussed the quote for the fire hydrant. ~\$25K. The TFS will pay 50%. The remaining amount will fall into the RAMP program (50/50), so the county will only pay ~\$6K. The AM also discussed the easement request from the Gasmire/Carruth project because it will expand the city utility easement on the south side of the TFS lot. The board recommended approval by

commissioners' courts (this included easement expansion for Gasmire and Carruth, if needed)



Notes:

- Public water line is 2.5' on TFS land and taps into the main. The Fire Hydrant is placed 5' from apron
- Spacing between Public line and Private sewer line is 10' on the southside of the TFS property
- Private Water line and Sewer line that runs south from Gasmire/Carruth's hangar has 3' spacing between lines and both lines falls within the existing utility easement (CTEC).
- Sewer line is a force line (with Grinder pump)

- Lease Review. The AM gave a summary of the current lease area requirements around hangars (25' in front of hangar and 5' on the sides and back). This is defined in the "Minimum Operating Standards."
  - This review was requested by Gary Stehling during the November AAB. The board is concerned about who is responsible for the pavement maintenance, especially around private hangars/T-Hangars. Historically, the county/TXDOT funded the last pavement refurb. This included the areas around Snowden's/Fritz's T-hangars. The FAA has now changed those rules and TXDoT funds cannot be used to repair the pavement in front of private hangars/T-hangars.
  - Here are the FAA rules:

**(28)Pavement – In Front of Hangar.** Pavement in front of a hangar that cannot be used for public parking or taxiing of aircraft. For hangars for Group I aircraft, this is 27 feet, for Group II aircraft is 40 feet, and for Group III is 56 feet. Note that this is one half of the taxilane object free area minus one half of the taxilane width. This pavement may be eligible as hangar work provided it is associated with an eligible hangar.

Group #	Tail Height (ft [m])	Wingspan (ft [m])
I	< 20' (< 6 m)	< 49' (< 15 m)
II	20' - < 30' (6 m - < 9 m)	49' - < 79' (15 m - < 24 m)
III	30' - < 45' (9 m - < 13.5 m)	79' - < 118' (24 m - < 36 m)

This is from our TXDOT planner - The hangars door size isn't the determination because hangar doors can come in all different shapes and sizes. The FAA uses the group aircraft the hangar can house. So if there was a Group I inside a Group II hangar it would be 40 feet.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- "Minimum Operating Standards" proposed change (Pavement definition). The AM reviewed the new draft of appendix B. A concrete section was added to the draft that was approved in November. The board recommended approval by commissioners' court.

**EVENTS**

- Gwen Fullbrook gave an update the Aviation Career Day, April 9th. Schools are responding, no final headcount at this time.

- This was not discussed but left here for reference.

#### March Events

- Petit Jean (RV Fly-in) (40 RVs) – 22-24nd

#### April Events

- Aviation Career Day, Sponsored by Crosswind - 9<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly AAB – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday County Holiday (Easter April 21<sup>st</sup>) - 19<sup>th</sup>
- Annual T-6 Formation Clinic – 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>

#### May Events

- Possible Bi-Plane fly-in, 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>
- Airport Day; Sponsored by EAA – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Local Fire Fighting Training Event - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly AAB – 20th
- Quarterly Airport Update Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup>

## **REPORTS**

Dave Smith reviewed the monthly fuel sales of FBO. He stated that Feb was a good month...He also stated that AVGAS sales were up 23% for the first 2 months (other airports are in the negative). Mr. Smith also stated that the north-end pilots are flying more than usual.

Tim reviewed the City and County monthly sales tax report. He also reviewed the quarterly report with the board.

Finally, The AM and Gwen discussed the court's reaction to her being a volunteer event planner for the airport and last week's newspaper article titled, "Airport Tension." With that said, Gwen notified the board that she would no longer seek to be a volunteer for the airport. Even though the board supported the volunteer position, they agreed with Gwen's action.

## **ADJOURNMENT (2:41pm)**