

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, July 16, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Roberts
David Smith
Mark Cornett
Tim Lehmberg
Bob Hickerson
Steve Allen

STAFF PRESENT:

Tony Lombardi, Manager
Dennis Neffendorf, County
Jerry Luckenbach, City

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ethan Crane
Bev Smith
Bob Snowden
Clinton Bailey
Linda Langerhans

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular Jun 18, 2018 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Land. The Mayor and Clinton Bailey presented the AAB the option to pursue negotiations for more land (up to ~30-35 acres). The city originally purchased 52 acres from the Hamm Estate. The city sold 10 acres to the airport earlier in the year. Now, they are looking at selling more. The city plans on keeping the Hwy 16 frontage land (~5-10 acres) to sell to developers to help fund youth sports/activities. The city made it clear that they know how important the airport is and wanted to give the county the first shot at the land. The Mayor stated that they would sell it at cost + legal fees. The AAB requested a deadline on the decision, and the Mayor said they are not in a hurry. Mr. Smith told the Mayor and Clinton that the AAB will discuss the proposition and get back to them as soon as possible.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Approved projects. The AM gave a quick update on the 3 RAMP projects: installation of sprinkler system, painting of the T-Hangars and the installation of solar powered taxiway lights. The taxiway light project is complete, and the other two projects have started.
- July 4th Review. The AM mentioned that there was a good showing for the hangar hotel activities and the firework show.
- The County T hangars occupancy update. The AM stated that we are 100% full, and we have a new tenant in B8 (Steve Allen). He also stated that there is no news on the status of B-6.

NEW BUSINESS Re-attack

- Additional RAMP Project. The AM notified the board that we still have approximately \$22K (\$11K for the county) in the RAMP Fund. The AM presented 2 projects for approval: LED Ramp light conversion and Phase II of the LED solar powered taxiway lights. After a quick modification of the request, the AAB voted to approve both projects.
 - LED light conversion – The AAB approved the conversion of the Ramp lights only, and disapproved the terminal building lights.

- Taxiway lights – The AAB recommended skipping the green centerline lights and going with the remaining blue lights (phase III).
- The total cost for both should remain below \$20K.
- The AM will get revised quotes
- New land discussion and recommendation. After a long discussion, the board came up with the following recommendation:
 - Even though it is not for sale yet, the AAB has place their #1 priority on purchasing the ~7.63 acres lot (in red below).
 - As for the 42 acres, the AAB believe it would be a luxury to have, but not a must.
 - Of the 42 acres, the AAB would like to pursue negotiations to add an additional 12 acres (in blue). This would allow the airport to fully develop the south area without the high expense of burying the drainage line.



OLD BUSINESS

- Cattle Guard Update. The AM reviewed the events following the AAB for Jun.

Here is the summary: *A week after last month's board, Mike Roberts., Dave Smith. and the AM met with Donnie and the Judge to discuss the board's recommendation on the cattle guard.*

Prior to the meeting, the AM had several phone call discussions with TXDOT (Ed Mayle). During those conversation, Mr. Mayle presented the AM with an alternate plan to the AAB's recommendation. By changing the description of what we called "replacing the cattle guard" to "modifying the cattle guard", TXDOT could use contingency funds to help repair the cattle guard. Ed Mayle stated that he had engage with AKCO to modify the cattle guard at no expense to the County or the private investor. It would be a 50/50 split between TXDOT and AKCO.

At the meeting, the AM notified the group of TXDOT's plan. Also during the meeting, the Judge and Donnie made it clear that the County would not allow the private investor to help pay for the cattle guard. "It is the responsibility of the County" the Judge said.

After the review, the AM stated that he had just received a call from AKCO prior to the AAB meeting. Will Weinheimer from AKCO, stated that they did not agree to the 50% cost share. He stated after discussing it with David (Smith) and Jim (Brandenberger), they would agree to pay 25 %, and the private investor would pay 25% and TXDOT would pay 50%. The AM made it clear that the County would not allow the private investor to pay for it, and instructed him to call TXDOT and work this out.

The AAB is standing by for a TXDOT/AKCO resolution.

REPORTS

Dave Smith reviewed FBO fuel sales...He stated that fuel sales are above last year's, and last year was a record year. Tim Lehmborg reviewed the May's sales tax numbers with the board.

ADJOURNMENT (3:06 pm)