# Minutes of the GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD Monday, Oct 17, 2022

@ County AgriLife Building

MEMBERS PRESENT:	STAFF PRESENT:	GUESTS PRESENT:	
David Smith	Tony Lombardi, Manager	Ethan Crane	
Keith Keller	Keith Kramer, County	Tim Lehmberg	
Judie Mooney, EAA Rep	Bobby Watson, City	Darren Flores/Chandler Bartley	
Steve Allen		Dawn Duley	
Paul Hannemann		Tim Pierson/Randal Fuchs (TFS)	
Chad Ellebracht		Gwen Fullbrook	
		Tom Bierschuale	
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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:29 PM by the Chairman, David Smith

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular Sept 19, 2022 meeting and Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting were approved.

### CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENTS

David Smith opened the meeting by reviewing the resolution of the Snelgrove allegations. (Snelgrove had wrongly accused the airport of discriminating against a lease holder). Following that statement, Mr. Smith discussed the vacant spot on the board left by Snelgrove's resignation in May. He also mentioned that the board needs to find/think about appointing a new Chairman for next year because he does not believe he can continue as Chairman with his hearing issues.

Commissioner Kramer responded to Mr. Smith's vacant AAB spot discussion. Comm Kramer mentioned that the Court wants to fill the position with an experienced former member and mentioned that he plans to appoint Tim Lehmberg to that position. The Board voted unanimously to support that appointment.

### AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Upcoming Events/Court Actions The AM reviewed the upcoming events for the airport and the recent commissioners court actions.
  - o Event Update -
    - Fireworks Oct 28 @8pm
    - Texas V-Tail Formation Clinic Nov 3-6
    - Santa Fly-in Dec 17, 1-3pm (Sat)
    - **2023** 
      - TXDOT Avn Conference Apr 12-14

- T-6 Formation Clinic Apr 26-30
- Airport Day (75th Anniversary) May 20th
- o Court Action On Sept 29<sup>th</sup> (At a Special Comm Court), the Commissioners and Judge received the ALP presentation from Garver...Voted to approve.
- T-hangars occupancy update. The AM stated that we are 100% full...waiting list is at 36.
- Airport Status the AM reviewed the current status of the airport.

Lights (PAPIs, Beacon, Rwy Edge, Taxiway, Signs)  • Runway lights - PIC only (waiting parts)			
Communication (CTAF, GCO, AWOS)			
Weather Station			
Facilities			
Miscellaneous (Construction, Closures, etc) briefed during the Phase II update			

- Airport Development Update:
  - Active Private Projects

#	Developer	LOI Date Rcv'd	Status	Comments
1	Rhett Hawk Expansion	12/28/21	П	Response required by 01/18/23
2	FBO Expansion	02/02/22	III	Lease under review at Courthouse
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### **OPEN FLOOR**

- Crosswind Aviation. Judie Mooney reviewed Crosswind's operations for Gwen Fullbrook. She stated
  that the flight training is busy (39 active flyers). She also stated that Gwen plans to attend the AOPA
  High School Curriculum Conference in Memphis in November, and also plans to host a WASP exhibit
  in Mar in the terminal building.
- Texas Forest Service Tim Pierson provided a quick update for the Forest Service. He stated that we need rain...he also alluded to the possibility of bringing back air assets due to the drought conditions. He concluded that this was his last meeting because he is leaving the TFS...no replacement was announced.
- Tac Aero MX Tom Bierschuale stated that they are very busy, and they are down a mechanic.

• Rhett Hawk – Dawn Duley stated that they are excited to have the Tac Aero's Tailwheel Academy return to T82.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

• Formalized AAB Selection Process. The AM proposed a formalized AAB selection process at the AAB level. He emphasized that the appointment process belongs to the Commissioners. Here is the process that the AAB voted to support:



Airport Advisory Board Member Selection Process (As a reminder, the Comm Court appoints members. The Board can only recommend candidates)

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  nominations from the Airport Advisory Board, the Commissioners, and the Judge
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- · The Committee will review resumes and conduct interviews, if needed/required.
- . The Committee will present the top 3 nominees to the AAB for approval and ranking.
- The AAB Chairman (or Airport Manager, if asked) will forward the recommendations to the Commissioners
- The Commissioners, at their discretion, will select one of the nominees or select another candidate of their choosing.
- Once notified by the Commissioners, the Airport Manager will ensure the approved nominee is willing to serve and is on the Commissioners Court Agenda for appointment.
- Quotes for Utility Vehicles: The AM reviewed multiple quotes for utility vehicles. There are long lead times to purchase all of the vehicles. The Board voted to support the purchase of the Gator HPX815E.



### AAB



- •Quotes:
  - John Deere:
    - 2023 GATOR™HPX615E (Gas) \$14,427.25 (March 2023)
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### **OLD BUSINESS.**

- CIP updates:
  - o Phase II update. The AM gave a quick update on the construction. The AM stated that construction is 98% complete.
  - o Planning Study Update. The ALP with narrative was sent to the FAA for their approval. It is a 2–3-month process.
  - o "FAA Acknowledgment of Turf Options" update. The AM stated that no progress has occurred, except some groundwork by local pilots.
  - Lease Review The AM mentioned that he has sent 2 options to the Judge to correct the major lease violation that was identified during the lease review. He also said he is working on edits for the "Minimum Operating Standards" that was also identified in the lease review.

### **REPORTS**

David Smith reviewed the fuel sales for last month and Tim Lehmberg reviewed the sale tax reports for the City and County.

**ADJOURNMENT** (2:28). The board was adjourned. The next meeting was changed to Nov 28<sup>th</sup>.

Note: all minutes are available on the airport website (<a href="http://www.gillespiecounty.org/page/airport%20-%20AAB%20Minutes">http://www.gillespiecounty.org/page/airport%20-%20AAB%20Minutes</a>)

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# Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes
- 3. Airport Manager's Report
- 4. Open floor (Crosswind, TFS, Tac Aero, and guest)
- 5. New Business
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- 6. EAA report/update/comments
- 7. Comments-FBO, EDC, and Board Members
- 8. Adjourn



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### **AAB**

- •Old Business:
  - Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
    - Phase II updateT82
    - Planning Study Update At FAA for approval (2-3 Month process)
  - FAA AC 150/5300-13B...2.10.6 Aircraft Operations in the Unpaved Runway Safety Area (RSA) Update
  - Tac Aero's request to purchase Allen's Hangar
  - Lease Review

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### AAB

- EAA report/update/comments
- Comments-FBO, EDC, and Board Members
- Next Meeting: Nov 21st (AM is out of town)...other options: Mon, Nov 28 or Mon, Dec 5th



