

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, March 20, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Roberts
Gary Stehling
David Smith
Tim Lehmberg
Keith Keller
Troy Ottmers

STAFF PRESENT:

Tony Lombardi, Manager
Bobby Watson, City Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ethan Crane
Beverly Smith

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 PM by Chairman Mike Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular February 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Weekly Updates – The Airport Manager is planning on sending out weekly email updates to all key personnel associated with the airport (pilots, businesses and the Airport Advisory Board)
- Upcoming Airport Events – Austin Based Ferrari Club visit (March 25-26); Nostalgic Bi-plane Rides (March 24-26 and March 31 - April 2); EAA Airport Day (April 8); Old Sport Biplane Rides (April 14-16).
- CIP update – Construction started on March 16th. The Airport Manager delayed the construction of the cattle guard on airport drive until March 27th due to the Ferrari club visit.
- Dick Extenson's Construction Update – According to Adam & Dick the main hanger will be completed by the end of May, and the office building should be complete by the end of the year.
- Providence Hall School AERO Program – At the beginning of the next school year, the Providence Hall School will begin teaching an aviation based curriculum. They hope to have both full motion and desk-top computer based simulators. The Airport Manager thought this was important because it could be a pipeline to future student pilot production.

- Airport Real Estate/Growth Sub-Committee Proposal – the Airport Manager wants to create a sub-committee to focus on land use and future growth of the airport. This committee would meet monthly or quarterly (TBD). Their task would be to determine prioritization of “new” construction, and review all proposals prior to the Airport Advisory Board presentations. The airport manager will brief the minutes to the Airport Advisory Board.
- The County T hangars are full.
- Ham’s Property Acquisition.



The Airport Manager gave a summary of the City/County meeting on the Ham property acquisition near the airport. The meeting was at 10:30 am at the court house. The City is planning on buying 53 acres from the Ham Family (left picture). Of the 53 acres, the county is discussing purchasing approximately 10 acres for future airport growth (right picture in red). The price is \$65K per acre. The City needs a decision by June 1st on the county’s plan. Additionally, the City wants an architectural drawing of the airport’s future plan for the property. Tony plans on meeting with Larry Caldwell (Klotz Associates) on March 27th to discuss creating the drawing. The Board was in agreement on the county’s plan, but wants to look into adding the blue shaded area to allow for future expansion towards Hwy 16.

NEW BUSINESS

EAA Airport Day, 8 April. The airport day operations will be conducted out of Bob Snowden’s hangar. Flying will occur from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A flyer will be posted in the terminal building.

OLD BUSINESS

Flagship Detroit had mixed results due to weather. They only flew twice (once on Friday and once on Sunday). The Old Sport Biplane canceled prior to the weekend due to the poor weather forecast. He rescheduled his event for mid April.

The Rhett Hawk LLC lease was signed and the discrepancy over the actual size (1.25 acre verse 1.23 acre) of the leased property was resolved.

REPORTS

The FBO fuel sales for January through March 2nd were compared with last year: 2016-42K and 2017- 50.7K. The growth can be attributed to Jet A sales and increased corporate and charter jet traffic.

The tax receipts for February matched the growth Dave Smith was showing for fuel sales.

COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 PM.