

Minutes of the  
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, April 18, 2016

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MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Mike Roberts, Chairman  
David Smith  
Gary Stehling  
Steve Allen  
Tim Lehmborg  
Troy Ottmers

STAFF PRESENT:  
Roger Hansen, Manager  
Calvin Ransleben, County  
Liaison  
Jerry Luckenbach, City  
Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT:  
Beverly Smith  
Bob Snowden  
Dennis Neffendorf

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:29 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular March 21, 2016 meeting were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A current events list was passed out.

The Military Bunch for Lunch program contains \$202.96.

There were no Commissioners Court items.

The County T hangars have one vacancy and the waiting list did not bring any customers.

NEW BUSINESS

The April 9<sup>th</sup> EAA Airport Day event recap indicated that despite initial weather problems the day was enjoyed. Initial reports show that over 20 kids were flown by several pilots from the local EAA chapter. The Boy Scouts sold meals, the FVFD, EMS and a brush truck from Tierra Linda participated in showing equipment. The local RC aircraft club displayed their aircraft. The FBO closed the north fuel pump to enhance safety and that allowed a better controlled ramp area for the onloading and offloading of participants.

Discussions with the Texas A&M Forest Service indicate they will start with the portable building in the July/August timeframe.

Kent Myers, city manager, called and said the city was working with Mr. Ham's group on a possible lease of the property immediately adjacent to the southeast perimeter of the airport. He was given preliminary height restrictions according to the Airport Zoning Order. Close cooperation with the designers will help to clarify the restrictions.

Initial discussions about future hangar policies began with an overview about the fuel situation for general aviation in regard to the elimination of lead in Avgas. While the situation is still fluid it is expected that by 2018 lead will be out of aviation fuel. The impact on future general aviation business is unknown but it could cause a reduction in pilots and aircraft. Two articles regarding were passed out to meeting attendees. The discussion continued with a review of Master Plan designs from the 2005 plan. Two papers, Gillespie County Airport Advisory Board Talking Points and a Discussion Paper Future Airport Development Revenue Issues were also passed out to the attendees. This was the starting point for continued future discussions.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The CIP is awaiting funding issues.

The Pulley hangar walls, roof and door are complete.

#### REPORTS

Sales of both Avgas and Jet A for the first quarter outpaced the same time from last year. March 2016 was on par with March 2015 while January/February 2016 were stronger than the same period last year.

Sales tax receipts continue to grow with positive numbers.

#### COMMENTS

Next meeting will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.