

Minutes of the  
 GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD  
 Monday, Apr 19, 2021  
 @ County AgriLife Building

MEMBERS PRESENT:	STAFF PRESENT:	GUESTS PRESENT:
Mike Roberts	Tony Lombardi, Manager	Courtney Walker
David Smith	Dennis Neffendorf, County	Gwen Fullbrook, Crosswind
Tim Lehmborg	Bobby Watson, City	Ethan Crane, FBO Rep
Greg Snelgrove		Tim Pierson, TFS rep
Judie Mooney, EAA Rep		
Steve Allen		
Absent		
Bob Hickerson		

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM by the Chairman, Mike Roberts

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular Mar 15, 2021 meeting were approved.

**AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Upcoming Events/Court Actions – The AM reviewed the upcoming events for the airport and the recent commissioners court actions.
  - Event Update (*Italicized - Unconfirmed*)
    - T-6 Formation Clinic, 22-25 Apr
    - May 7<sup>th</sup> Fireworks
      - Courtney briefed the board on their plans to support the fireworks.
        - Live music from 7-10 (Shannie Band - keyboard etc.)
        - The Tiki Hut will be open from 7 - 10, serving beer, wine and a frozen drink
        - Airport Diner will be serving limited concessions from 7 - 9 (pretzels, ice cream floats etc.)
        - Roaming security guards
    - July 4th Fireworks
    - *Birddog Flyin, 14-17 Sept*
    - Meyers Aircraft Owners Association Reunion, 22-26 Sept
  - Court Action – The AM reviewed the following item - On 03/22, the Court gave consent to allow firework viewing from the airport.
- Police Incident – The AM reviewed 2 police involved incidences that occurred last month at the airport.
- Airport Status – the AM notified the board that the PAPIs to runway 32 are down, again. BC Electric is scheduled to check it out on Tuesday.
- T-hangars occupancy update. The AM stated that we are 100% full...waiting list is at 23.

## NEW BUSINESS

- RAMP Budget Review. The AM reviewed the current RAMP account and reviewed the current list of projects for the airport. The AM wanted to get the AAB priorities on the projects.
  - Current RAMP Account:

#	Item	Cost	Sponsor Cost	100000 (Remaining)
1	Misc Mx cost (\$10K allotted)	\$8,312.50	\$4,156.25	\$91,821.00
2	AWOS Contract 2021 or 2022	\$5,966.00	\$2,983.00	\$85,855.00
3	Fod Boss	\$6,944.00	\$3,472.00	\$78,911.00

- Project list:

#	Item	Cost	Quote Date
1	PAPI Light LED conversion	<b>\$57,442.00</b>	<b>3/23/21</b>
2	Complete Water line loop w/1 Hydrant	\$46,450.00	6/14/20
3	Electricity to front gate/C-47	\$2,000.00	
4	T-hangar Reno	<b>\$62,902.00</b>	<b>2/23/21</b>
5	LED Beacon	<b>\$21,028.00</b>	<b>3/23/21</b>
6	Erosion (Airport Rd/Fair Dr.)	\$5,500.00	6/5/20
7	Repair Fence (Fair Road)(new lumber and clamps)	\$49,656.40	7/15/20
8	Remove fence (Fair Road)	\$11,350.00	7/15/20
9	Security Cameras	\$35,652	Pending
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The consensus of the board is to focus on airport operations (i.e. PAPIs and beacon). They also recommended getting an additional quote on the PAPIs from FandW Electric (2018 quote was for \$31K).

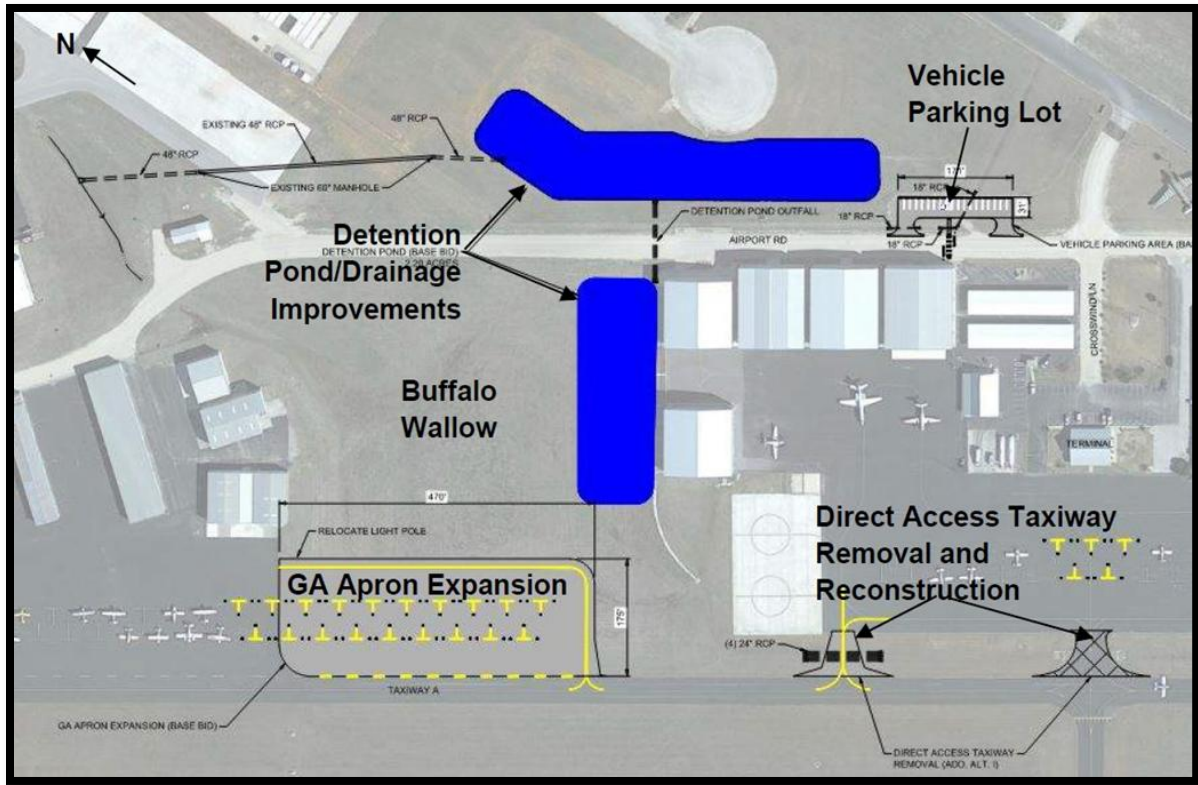
Additionally, the AM addressed the issue with the waterline installation that was discussed at the previous meeting. The AM told the board that the federal gov't released an additional COVID relief act that could fund the waterline project, so he recommended waiting until the next board to discuss the waterline project. The FAA is scheduled to conduct a meeting on the new act next week, so he should have additional information by next board. Finally, the AM told the board that the utility contractor recommended waiting until July to update the quote for the waterline installation so we can get the better price.

- 2024 Eclipse Discussion. The AM discussed the upcoming total eclipse (Apr 8, 2024 @ 13:35 Local) and mentioned that the city and the hill country have already started planning for it. The AM has participated in the regional and local meetings. The AM mentioned that the board needs to start thinking about it, too. The AM is concerned that the airport will be overwhelmed with visiting aircraft on that day. The hangar hotel is already booked up. The AM also mentioned that there will be an almost total eclipse on Oct 14, 2023 (dry run).

## OLD BUSINESS.

- CIP updates:

- Phase II update. The AM reviewed the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) meeting (Apr 15<sup>th</sup>). The participants were Garver, TXDOT, Comm Neffendorf, Mr. Smith and the Tony Lombardi. Garver presented their vision of the new design. At the conclusion of the PER meeting, TXDOT gave Garver the approval to proceed to the initial design phase.



- Additionally, the AM reviewed the updated timeline with the board.

Task	Weeks	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 Notify Garver		█															
2 Draft/release RFQ		█	█														
3 RFQ responses			█	█													
4 Consultant selection/CC approval				█	█	█	█	█									
5 Fee agreement negotiations				█	█	█	█	█									
6 Pre-design meeting						█	█	█	█								
7 Preliminary Engineering Report	4 to 6					█	█	█	█	█							
8 Review Meeting	2								█	█							
9 Preliminary Design	3 to 5								█	█	█						
10 Review Meeting	2									█	█						
11 Final Design	2 to 4										█	█	█				
12 Review Meeting	2												█	█			
13 BID/Contractor selection	6 to 8												█	█	█		
14 Preconstruction Meeting	2														█	█	
15 Construction Start	1																█
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- CIP (Planning Study/Action plan) – Mr. Smith summarized the outcome of the selection board (without mentioning any names) and asked the board to recommend approval of the results. The AAB unanimously recommended approval. Once approved by Comm Court, TXDOT will notify the selectee.
- RAMP/CARES ACT Projects. Several boards meetings ago, the board recommended approval of the purchase of a zero-turn mower using Cares Act funds. The only stipulation by the FAA is that it is “American Made”. After the first attempt with a John Deere mower failed, the AM

found a zero-turn mower that was advertised on the radio to be “American Made”, but after contacting the salesman/manufacturer, proving it to the FAA is becoming difficult. He is not sure it will happen.

## **REPORTS**

EAA report – Mrs. Mooney had nothing to report, except that the EAA chapter has been approved to award another scholarship recipient, and the selection process has begun.

Additionally, Mr. Allen added a comment from the local pilots that they want to make sure that the AM and the board make getting an LPV to runway 14 a priority. The AM told the board that it is still a priority, but his initial attempt was denied by the FAA in Sept 2020, and that the FAA required a 36-month waiting period before the airport can resubmit. The board recommended getting congressional help to force the FAA to give us an LPV, citing it is a safety hazard.

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

TFS Update – Tim Pierson said that the forest service has already supported multiple fires in south TX, and he is concern that the on-going drought in the hill country could bring them here.

Crosswind Update – Since Gwen updated the board on her flying school activity.

**ADJOURNMENT (3:15 pm) and next our next meeting is May 17th.**

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