

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, April 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Tony Lombardi, Manager
Bobby Watson, City Liaison
Dennis Neffendorf

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ethan Crane
Beverly Smith

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:29 PM by Chairman Mike Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular March 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Upcoming Airport Events – T-6 Formation Clinic (27-30 April) and Cessna Flight Clinic (20-21 May)
- Construction update – the construction project is approximately 25% complete. The airport manager (AM) discussed the possibility of adding some phase II items to the current project. He mentioned that adding portions of the new retention area drainage lines would prevent the future destruction of the new airport road to the Dick Estenson project. The airport manager said that he is working with Ed Mayley (TxDOT project manager) to see if it is possible
- Dick Estenson's Construction Update – According to John Klein (Lead Engineer), they are expected to get their certification of occupancy in 4-6 month. (This will require the county to have the fire hydrant installed prior to that date).
- Airport Real Estate/Growth Sub-Committee Proposal – The AAB recommended that Airport Real Estate/Growth Sub-Committee will meet following the AAB meeting. The airport manager provided a brief summary of real estate board's previous meeting.
 - The Airport Real Estate/Growth Sub-Committee summary: the committee reviewed the current and projected airport layout. They toured the airport grounds to see areas of possible growth, and recommended no new projects until current construction projects are complete.
- The AM notified that he closed the long-term parking lot due to a conflict with the current CIP project. It was going to cost the airport a lot of money to keep the lot open for 5 vehicles, most of which are not drivable (flat tires and over-due registrations)

- The AM notified the board that he met with Meagan McLellan (our TXDOT planner) last week. They discussed the current and future growth of the airport.
- The AM also notified the board that he, Dave Smith, Ethane Crane will be attending the TXDOT aviation conference in San Marcos (19-21 April). We are expecting an update of the state of TXDOT funds for future projects.
- The County T hangars are full. The AM reported that he is receiving about a call a week requesting hanger space.
- Minor incident at airport. The AM told the board that we had a minor aircraft incident last week. During landing, a local solo student departed the runway. There was no damage to the airport or pilot, but the aircraft was probably totaled.
- (AM re-attacks) Ham's Property Acquisition. The AM notified the board that he is expecting the new future drawing of the airport layout with the Ham land on 18 April. He is also meeting with the city planners on Wednesday to discuss this purchase.
- Finally, the AM introduced the idea of adding a museum on airport grounds.

NEW BUSINESS

- SB2 – Dennis Neffendorf discussed the State Bill 2 (House bill 282) and how it will effect the county. Mike Roberts will draft a letter to the Judge for all board member's signatures.

OLD BUSINESS

- EAA Airport Day, 8 April. Steve Allen reported that the event went well despite the weather (cloudy and high crosswinds).

REPORTS

Dave Smith briefed FBO fuel sales. The FBO fuel sales for the first quarter are up 26%. March Jet A fuel sales were at record highs.

Tim Lehmberg briefed local sales receipts. The city saw a 3% increase in sales and the county saw a 5% increase.

COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM.