

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, May 15, 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, County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ethan Crane
Beverly Smith
Richard Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Chairman Mike Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular April 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Budget – The Airport Manager (AM) gave a summary of the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) budget. The Airport has used \$35K of the \$50K that was budgeted.
- Construction update – the construction project is approximately 55% complete. The AM discussed the North Flume construction. He mentioned that once the south portion is complete, the contractor will add temporary crossing that is made up of crushed granite. He also stated that the contractor will water and sweep the area to ensure minimum debris.
- New construction project. The AM gave a summary of the two new (court approved) projects. The first project is the repair of the erosion problem on the south terminal ramp and replacing the crushed granite with concrete by Steve Allen's hanger. The second project is installing a fire hydrant line near Dick Estenson's project. Finally, the AM discussed the negative response to adding a fence near the ramp. He also gave the background to why he was thinking of adding a fence...It was in response to feedback from the T-6 event and both of the Bi-plane pilots' comments. No decision was made on the fence.
- MD Helicopter relocation. The AM summarized his discussion with the owner of Trinity Aviation (a MD Helicopter sales business). Trinity Aviation is looking to relocate to the hill county from Georgetown.
- The Airport Real Estate/Growth Sub-Committee summary: The AM provided a summary of last month's meeting. The AM discussed that he is designing a plan/concept for the north ramp
- The County T hangars are full. The AM reported that we have a new tenant in C18.

- Ham's Property Acquisition. The AM discussed the city's proposal for the Ham property. He also passed on the Judge's concerns on some of the pro rata add-ons and the Judge's objections to paragraph 4A. Bobby mentioned that the city received the Judge's response to the proposal, today. Additionally, Dennis mentioned that the purchase process with the County is still positive.

NEW BUSINESS

- The AM presented a draft chart for the proposed lease rate change with 3 different levels. The document was not voted on and it still needs more documentation to explain the details (ie grandfather clause, CPI update, etc). This will be reviewed/voted on at the next meeting.
- Airport Documentation. The AM reported that the board needs to review/update the current airport documentation. The master plan is dated 2004, and the minimum standards/rules and regulation are dated 2006.
- Budget drill. The AM stated that Roger is going to assist with the budget next month. The AM also mentioned that he is planning on adding several major equipment purchases (utility vehicle, a ramp debris blower, and a zero-turn lawn mower) to next year budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- T-6 event review. AM discussed the noise complaints and the 1 negative comment from a local tenant. Dave Smith discussed his opinion of the event, and stated that the FBO sold more than 3,000 gallons of Avgas.
- SB2 –Mike Roberts told the board that he sent a letter to our State Representative stating our non-support for the bill.

REPORTS

Dave Smith gave a quick summary of the TxDOT Aviation Conference. Main take away...NPE funds are available after a 3.5 year hiatus. NPE funds are used for our capital improvement projects. Dave also discussed private and government investment to the airport. He showed a chart that stated the investment were almost equal between the two. Finally, he reviewed last month's FBO fuel sales...he reemphasized the T-6 Avgas sales.

Tim Lehmberg briefed local sales receipts. The city saw a 1% increase and the county saw a 2% decrease in sales last month. He also stated for year the city is up ~3.3% and the county is up ~4.5%.

COMMENTS

Finally, Keith Keller announced that he plans to retire after the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.