

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, June 20, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Stehling, Vice Chairman
David Smith
Keith Keller
Steve Allen
Tim Lehmborg

STAFF PRESENT:

Roger Hansen, Manager
Calvin Ransleben, County
Liaison
Bobby Watson, City
Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT:

Beverly Smith

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Vice Chairman Gary Stehling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular May 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Bobby Watson was announced as the new city liaison.

A new events list was passed out.

The Military Bunch for Lunch program contains \$332.12.

There was one Commissioners Court item: two T hangar leases were approved.

The County T hangars are full.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

The hangar discussion took place with an overall look at various topics discussed (see attached DISCUSSION TOPICS). The first topic discussed was the potential land available for construction of either a T hangar or a private/corporate hangar. Construction planning for future buildings will be delayed until after we complete the taxiway in the northeast area parallel to the fence separating the airside from the non-aeronautical business park. A preliminary look showed possible space for two T hangars and two private/corporate hangars. The decision on the mix of hangar types should be made as future demands allow. There are many unknown factors that impact requirements for either type of hangars such as a change in fuel types and number of pilots in aviation.

The CIP designated for the 2017 time frame will construct a new ramp with direct parallel taxiway access. The consensus was that we should reserve the new ramp and taxiway designed for the present detention area for upfront aviation service businesses.

The bottom line is that construction of various hangars is a “work in progress” and that decisions should be made to fit the requests when they are made.

REPORTS

Good news was announced about Avis Rentals will now deliver special vehicles to the airport provided the customer coordinates with the agency in San Antonio directly. The types of vehicles available range from SUVs to pickups or a specific vehicle requested by the customer. The FBO handles the keys by giving them to the customer upon arrival and receiving the keys once the vehicle is returned. Fuel sales in May were mixed with Avgas up over last year and Jet A was down. We remain ahead of last year’s numbers.

The sales tax numbers were mixed also with the city down in April and the county was up from the same time last year. But activity remains high on Main Street.

COMMENTS

Next meeting will be July 18th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Available Space
 - Somewhat limited, Project funding problems at TXDOT
 - New ramp in buffalo wallow limited to aviation service businesses
- Long Term Financial Viability
 - Increase the price per square foot for private hangars, cheapest monthly rate is \$57.33, most expensive \$114.23, 6% of revenue
 - Long term income comes from T hangars
 - County gets income
 - How many can the one person manage
- Serving the flying public versus single interests
 - What will the demand be, is present number the right number
 - Waiting lists
 - Maximize value of airport to community
- Role of County in building infrastructure
 - Federal/State dollars or County dollars
 - Should County build T hangars, competition with private investors
- Land use should be maximized
 - Area for aviation service businesses and for hangars T and private
- Select course more private hangars or T hangars?
 - Use common sense depending upon demands of the time