## Minutes of the GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD Monday, July 18, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: STAFF PRESENT: GUESTS PRESENT: Mike Roberts Roger Hansen, Manager Dennis Neffendorf

Gary Stehling Calvin Ransleben, County David Smith Liaison

Keith Keller Steve Allen Tim Lehmberg Troy Ottmers

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:26 PM by Chairman Mike Roberts.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular June 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

#### AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

No change to the events list with the next aviation event scheduled for September 2016.

The Military Bunch for Lunch program contains \$195.22.

There was one Commissioners Court item: TXDOT Amendment 02 for Design/Engineering was approved.

The County T hangars are full.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bob Snowden submitted a request to change the exterior of his hangar building by adding metal awnings over the windows. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Board recommends to Commissioners Court approval of the request.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The hangar discussion regarding private/corporate and "T" hangar construction was finalized in a passed resolution by the Board which indicated a sense of the Board for future consideration of projects. The resolution is attached to these minutes.

## **REPORTS**

The FBO reports that fuel cost remain stable. While the total fuel sales for the first six months of the calendar year 2016 is 10.8% over the same period of 2015; the second quarter of this year was up by 1.1% over the previous year with the first quarter up 24% over last year. However if sales for the last two quarters match last year's sales we will still be over 300,000 gallons for the year and that will be another record. Car rentals are strong and the taxi services have been good. A future project for covered parking in the FBO lot will soon be ready for submission to the Board.

Both City and County tax receipts for the May period were below last year's numbers. The thought is that the flooding that took place in the Houston area impacted visitor's plans. Tax receipts for the 5 month period remain above the same period for last year

#### **COMMENTS**

Next meeting will be August 15, 2016.

## **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