

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, September 19, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 Chairman Mike Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular August 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

An up to date event listing was passed out.

The Military Bunch for Lunch program remains at \$195.22.

There were two Commissioners Court items in the past month: Old Sport aircraft was approved to sell rides at the airport and the RAMP Grant paperwork for FY2017 was approved for execution.

The County T hangars are full.

NEW BUSINESS

David Smith, Fredericksburg FBO, presented his plan to construct two all metal and steel vehicle shelters on his present parking lot adjacent to the FBO and hangar. A copy of his presentation is attached to this document. A motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend approval to the Commissioners Court in accordance with lease terms.

Steve Allen, Fredericksburg Aviation, presented his request to join the current two buildings of his maintenance facility in order to provide more storage and work area. The ground that is between the two buildings is already leased so there is no increase in leased area. A motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend approval to the Commissioners Court in accordance with lease terms.

Jared Calvert of Old Sport aircraft rides requests to sell rides at the airport. Approval was granted at the last meeting of the Commissioners Court. He also has plans for the future which will require further approval and planning.

On the morning of September 19, 2016 it was noted that the barometer portion of the AWOS had failed. Attempts to reboot the system failed to bring the failed part to operational status. This part affected all altitude items in the weather data. Therefore a new part was placed on order and will be installed as soon as possible; the system has been NOTAM'd out of service.

OLD BUSINESS

Dates for the approved Capital Improvement Project were announced by TXDOT-Aviation Division and they are; advertise for two weeks-10/9/2016 and 10/16/2016, pre-bid meeting on 10/19/2016 at 1:00 PM, and bid opening on 11/10/2016 at 2:30 PM in the County Courthouse.

Texas A&M Forest Service received approval from the city to proceed with their project in the business park.

REPORTS

The FBO reports Jet A fuel sales have slowed over the past 3 months but so far in the month of August some 15,000 gallons have been sold with 2,500 being purchased by the airborne fire fighters. Avgas sales were above last year at the same time and total fuel sales remain 5.9% over last year at the same time. The north fuel pump sales have been brisk but the heat of August it could be slowing down. There have been some problems in deliveries of Avgas due to refinery problems. The price of crude oil is up. Rent car utilization is very good and the Motor Pool is back up to six cars after having to replace one due to being totaled in an accident. Purchasing the new car from McLane Ford was completed easily and timely. The FBO should be ready to bring the project to construct covered parking in the FBO lot at the next Board meeting. Texas Mutual still has a lawsuit on the books due to the helicopter crash that took place in Kendall County.

COMMENTS

The FBO commented that fuel demand, both Avgas and Jet A, have softened and now projects sales above last year's numbers. Rental car use is at record levels. The lawsuit is still pending.

Lodging receipts for both the city and county have also softened and the sales tax receipts are also softening like the fuel sales.

Next meeting will be October 17, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.