

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, February 16, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Mulvihill, Chairman
Marcus Vidrine
David Smith
Gary Stehling
Keith Keller
Mike Roberts
Troy Ottmers

STAFF PRESENT:

Roger Hansen, Manager
Jerry Luckenbach, City
Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT:

Tim Lehmborg
Beverly Smith
John Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Mulvihill called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

The airport events list was updated with 5 new events for 2015 of which two are tentative.

The Military Bunch for Lunch program contains \$455.12.

Three items were approved by Commissioners Court, the lease for Richard Pulley was approved, the cost for Klotz Associates to do the FAA Form 7460-1 was approved, and Nostalgic Warbirds was approved for selling rides on the airport.

All County T hangars are leased.

The FAA has decided to not increase the size of the 20-1 obstruction surface and nighttime approaches are not authorized on runway 32.

NEW BUSINESS

Halsey Schider, phone 503-869-1352, of Equitis Flight, LLC briefed the board on the concept of operations for a dba Fredericksburg Helicopter Tours. Equitis Flight LLC is owned by Kelly Knight and Halsey Scheider is the general manager for the helicopter tour business portion. He has visited William Chris Vineyards in Hye and will operate from there on the weekends. They have been in touch with the FAA to comply with all their requirements as Halsey has experience with FAA compliance from Oregon. The dba has one Robinson R-44 helicopter at this time. The business will be available for tours, photo shoots

and aerial surveys. The company has a budget for marketing and advertising and expects to do outreach programs to the community. All helicopter maintenance will be done by a Robinson service center in Seguin. The future will hopefully see a FAA Part 135 operation. The board recommends approval by the Commissioners Court for Fredericksburg Helicopter Tours to operate.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard Pulley's lease has been signed by the Judge.

The FY2015 CIP continues in the design and engineering phase with the preliminary engineering review scheduled for February 23rd.

The GCO functions fine as long as the procedures are followed by the users.

The questionnaire for the property release for Texas A&M Forest Service, or TAMUS, is in the process of completion.

REPORTS

The FBO reports fuel sales at mid month of February are pretty close to the total monthly sales of February 2014. Visiting pilots are the purchasers for most of the fuel. Hopefully the new hangar will be complete with electricity by February 23rd. Avgas is available but the cost is up to get more as the refinery is still down for maintenance. Lawsuits still remain an ongoing affair.

Tax receipts for both the City and the County were up in December.

COMMENTS

The next meeting will take place on March 16, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.