

Minutes of the  
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 18, 2015

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Roger Hansen, Manager  
Jerry Luckenbach, City  
Liaison  
Calvin Ransleben, County  
Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT:

Tim Lehmborg  
Beverly Smith

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CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting, as amended, were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

The AT-6 formation clinic proceeded as scheduled despite the weather which limited good flying conditions and numbers of aircraft. One problem encountered was some aggressive flying on the part of a couple of pilots. An email was sent to the coordinators of the event citing concerns. The reply indicated they too want to ensure a safe event. The art auction presented a challenge in identifying which aircraft were involved in transporting individuals coming here for the event. A recap by the event organizer, Dave Plesko, indicated that over 500 people participated in the auction and sales were over \$5 million with sales tax earnings of over \$280,000.00. It was a successful event and the participants were very impressed with Fredericksburg.

The Military Bunch for Lunch program contains \$309.12.

The Commissioners Court approved a hangar lease for Equitis Flight LLC and the construction of automobile awnings at the Security State Bank site in the business park.

All County T hangars are leased but one is coming open at the end of May 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

The manager provided a briefing to the Gillespie County Leadership Class with some 20 people being present. Additionally a short presentation was given to a 4 H Club with an emphasis on the purpose of an airport and the opportunity to see two different general aviation aircraft. A basic theory of flight was also included in the presentation.

Ambleside School will launch small educational rockets weighing 43 grams (1.51 ounces) and a maximum altitude between 1400'-1600' AGL at a location approximately 3.4NM west of the airport and south of Tivydale Road. A NOTAM will be filed by the manager indicating an approximate position off the Stonewall VORTAC of the 267 radial at 14NM.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The latest design of the taxiway serving the T hangar area will be surveyed during the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> and we will then proceed with the CIP process.

A new GCO unit was received during the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> but it also would not initialize. A discussion with Bob Hilton of AvTech Marketing ended with a plan for him to come to Gillespie County Airport with various parts in order to find the nature of the problem. His arrival is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### REPORTS

The FBO reports that AvFuel is now the fuel vendor for the FBO and it should be a good stable and long term business relationship. While the total Avgas sales for the first quarter were somewhat depressed due to the weather; the month of April had two large Avgas sales events which show how important events are to the sales of Avgas. Some space is available in the FBO hangars for other aircraft. The lawsuits naming the FBO in a helicopter crash from over two years ago is in the process for the issuance of a conditional dismissal for the FBO. The FBO continues to receive positive comments about the airport.

The EDC Executive Director indicates all economic indices continue to be very positive for both the city and county.

#### COMMENTS

The next meeting will take place on June 15, 2015.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.