

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, July 20, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Roger Hansen, Manager
Calvin Ransleben, County
Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT:

Tim Lehmberg
Beverly Smith

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened at 1:30 PM and called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 15, 2015 were approved as amended.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Members of the Commemorative Air Force visited the airport on July 13th to walk the ramp and discuss issues associated with their visit on Labor Day weekend. We discussed the area that would be blocked off for their use and their responsibility to control visitors to ensure safety. The airport had young visitors from the Bethany preschool group on two days in July and it appears they certainly enjoyed their visit and will perhaps return next summer.

The Military Bunch for Lunch program contains \$371.60 despite have a 4 ship UH-60 formation visit with some 29 soldiers for lunch.

Two items were submitted to Commissioners Court on July 13th; 3 T hangar leases and permission to have the airport and business park wooden signs refurbished as long as the cost is under \$1,000.00.

The County T hangars are now full.

Other comments were made regarding several items. A visit was paid to the Texas A&M Forest Service facility in Brownwood to see the type of modular buildings that were placed on that site and will probably be placed on the business park to initiate the Forest Service presence. The paperwork for the Declaration of Gift for the 5 acres in the business park has been received and is now under review. A request for the placing of a porta-potty in the northeast T hangar area has been received and is also being reviewed. The preliminary report on the Grumman crash which took place on June 14th was distributed to the Board and it

appears water contamination was a contributing factor. A local individual has indicated his intent to fly a drone in the vicinity of the airport and Lady Bird Park. The death of a local pilot Henry Hickman was announced to the Board. An obstruction light has been placed on the fence bordering the west property line; as it protrudes into the safety airspace by 3 feet.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives from Garver USA, Karon Wiedemann and Josh Crawford, visited the airport to explain their capabilities for airport projects and a desire to return and visit during a future Board meeting.

The Falcon Aero lease expired at the end of June 2015 and we will now realign their lease to match all the other airport lease times and the CPI increase.

OLD BUSINESS

Klotz Associates and TXDOT-Aviation Division will meet at the airport on July 21st to discuss the preliminary design. The elimination of the electronic gate presently in the design will be changed to the cattle/deer guard.

Bob Hilton of AvTech Marketing has come up with a fix for our GCO and right now it appears to be operating properly.

REPORTS

The FBO reports fuel sales continue to be good through the June numbers but Avgas could decline as the Texas refinery, Delek, has shut down until the October timeframe. Purchases of Avgas will have to come from out of state and will have increases for transportation. The FBO is expecting a lawsuit coming from the Grumman crash as water contamination was named as a causal factor. Ethan Crane is now the general manager of the FBO with no change in persons holding the controlling interest in the FBO itself.

The City and County tax receipts continue to outpace last year. The art auction held in May 2015 is a direct contributor to the tax increase for the City.

COMMENTS

The next meeting will take place on August 17, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.