

Minutes of the
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, September 21, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Mulvihill, Chairman
Troy Ottmers
David Smith
Gary Stehling
Marcus Vidrine

STAFF PRESENT:

Roger Hansen, Manager
Jerry Luckenbach, City
Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT:

Beverly Smith
John Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 17, 2015 were approved.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Two video clips were shown about the airborne fire fighting tankers dropping retardant.

Events discussed were the cancellation of the Flagship Detroit visit and the addition of a Bonanza formation clinic to take place on 13-15 November 2015.

The Military Bunch for Lunch program contains \$371.60. Two large formation arrivals were originally planned for early this month with over 70 personnel scheduled. Given the number of personnel involved the Army was notified they would have to pay for their own meals.

There were four items for the Commissioners Court, T hangar lease, RAMP documents, cancellation of Flagship Detroit visit and execution of documents for a Land Use Agreement with Texas A&M Forest Service for use of the airfield.

The County T hangars are now full.

NEW BUSINESS

Approximately four weeks ago the Texas A&M Forest Service deployed to the airport with two SEATs, two helicopters and two air attack aircraft. The size and number of air assets have varied depending on the threat of fires in the area. They have flown as far away as 190 nautical miles to the north.

An After Action Report was distributed about the CAF visit with the bottom line being they should be allowed to return to Gillespie County. The Labor Day weekend was busy and very hot. There were minimal flights on the bombers for \$450.00 but a lot of flights on a Navion for \$75.00.

The Board was advised that Richard Pulley has not completed his proposed hangar and he will advise the manager of his plans when he returns from Alaska. The lease signed says, "Lessee agrees to construct a hangar of approximate dimensions of 90' x 70' feet within one year of the date of signing of this lease." The Board will be advised of his intentions at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The paperwork for donating the land in the Business Park to Texas A&M is awaiting the conclusion of the time for notification in the Federal Register.

The CIP Final Design meeting is awaiting TXDOT-Aviation Division scheduling process. Due to object free areas for the new taxiway it will be necessary to move the tractor shed approximately 25' to the north. A plan to construct a ramp adjacent to the A&M Forest Service is being worked to find solutions to funding issues.

REPORTS

Fuel sales are approximately 32,000 gallons over last year at the same time with a forecast of over 275,000 gallons being sold in this calendar year. While the firefighters helped make the fuel sales greater the gallons sold to others outpaced the sales from August 2014. Rental cars are an issue as Enterprise no longer operates a location in Fredericksburg. Boot Ranch has purchased more SUVs to help their issues.

The City and County tax receipts continue to outpace last year.

COMMENTS

The next meeting will take place on October 19, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.