

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
February 14, 2019
10:00 AM

Members Present: Becky Langston, Randy Dowling, Lynda Dawson, Christine Schultz (for Hugh Weaver), Nancy McMichael, Jim Woods, Ronnie Pendergrass, Temporary Airport Manager in the absence of Bill Champion. Absent: Kim Tharp. Also in attendance: Wayne Chestnut (Airport Attendant), Bill Champion.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mrs. Langston called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019, was made by Mrs. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Dowling, and passed with six in favor (Dawson, Dowling, Langston, Schultz, McMichael, Pendergrass), no opposition, and one abstention (Woods, who was absent from the January 10 meeting).
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Airport Access Road Construction.** Ms. Schultz reported that the project will have final inspection today.
 - B. **Airport Master Plan.** Ms. Schultz said that the plan will be provided to GDOT before the end of the month.
 - C. **Fencing, Phase II and Taxiway Crack Seal and Runway Remarking Projects.** Ms. Schultz said that GDOT has reviewed the plans for both projects; that GDOT has made comments regarding the Crack Seal project, which will be revised; and that the pre-bid meetings for both projects will be on March 14 with bid openings on March 27. In response to questions, Ms. Schultz said that both projects should be completed by June 30, 2019.
 - D. **Open House/Fly-In 2019.**
 - (1) **Chamber of Commerce Report.** Mrs. McMichael said that Kim Tharp (Harris County Chamber) had provided her with the Chamber's report regarding the Open House. Mrs. McMichael then read the Chamber report and distributed the sponsorship information. Discussion included that the children's area would include Andy Kober's train, a bouncy house, and face painting, and that the flyer and poster for the event are needed as quickly as possible.
 - (2) **Plane Rides & Naming the County as Additional Insured.** Mrs. Dawson said that four plane owners have indicated they will provide rides, and that she had talked to John Taylor, County Attorney, who indicated that not having insurance from the pilots would not be a show stopper. Mrs. McMichael said that the County's insurance provider had indicated the County's insurance will not and does not provide coverage pilots providing rides to citizens, and that she will contact Mr. Taylor regarding same. (Note: Upon contacting Mr. Taylor and advising him of what the County's insurer had said, he agreed that naming the County as an additional insured under the pilots' insurance policies will be necessary.)
 - (3) **Floor Plan.** Mrs. Dawson said that a "floor plan" is needed for the event to determine what will go where and how to handle the parking, and that volunteers will be needed to manage the various attractions as well as crowd management.

(4) **Static Displays.** Mrs. Dawson said that she's trying to get an Albatross (plane) for the event, and that the DC3 is currently not available, but might be by the time the event takes place. Discussion included contact has been made regarding war birds (planes) and a Dixie wing (plane); the owner of the Dixie Wing might want to sell rides; and a suggestion to try to arrange for a helicopter or two. Mrs. Dawson said she is having difficulty in reaching Marty Flournoy about the necessary FAA certifications, to which Ms. Schultz said she will try to get the FAA contact info to provide to Mrs. Dawson, and Mrs. Langston said she may have a contact for Mr. Flournoy and will provide same to Mrs. Dawson.

E. **Avionics Business.** Wayne Chestnut reported that the gentlemen interested in locating an avionics business at the Airport has contacted him about a hangar or possibly one of the storage units. Discussion included that such a business would need to be in a hangar, not a storage unit, so that planes being worked on could be moved into the hangar; that airport businesses should be in one location rather than scattered throughout the hangar buildings; and consensus was to not move forward with an avionics business at this time.

F. **Hangars & Future Openings.** Discussion included that once the Lanett Airport finishes construction probably two or three hangar occupants will move to Lanett, but because of the waiting list, there won't be a problem in renting out the hangars.

4. **NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 10:00 AM.

5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Langston adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

Minutes approved _____
by vote of _____ to _____.