

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

Members Present: Becky Langston, Randy Dowling, Lynda Dawson, Nancy McMichael, Jim Woods, Hugh Weaver, Ronnie Pendergrass, Temporary Airport Manager. Absent: Kim Tharp. Also in attendance: Christine Schultz (Pond & Co), Wayne Chestnut (Airport Attendant), Jimmy Carver (EMS Director).

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mrs. Langston called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2019, was made by Mrs. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Dowling, and passed five in favor (Weaver and Woods not in attendance at time of vote).
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Bill Champion.** Mr. Dowling announced that Mr. Champion retired as of March 9; that the Board of Commissioners will be presenting Mr. Champion with a Resolution of Appreciation during their March 19 meeting; and that a small reception honoring Mr. Champion will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 8:30 AM.
 - B. **Airport Manager Advertisement.** Mr. Dowling said that advertising for the Airport Manager position is taking place with the ad at various locations. Mrs. McMichael is to send the ad to Ms. Schultz and Mr. Weaver.
 - C. **Open House/Fly-In, May 4, 2019**
 - (1) **Activities.** Mrs. Dawson said that a walk-thru was conducted yesterday to make sure there is enough room for all planned activities; that there will be two War Birds, a T34, a MASH helicopter, Life Flight helicopter, and aerobatic planes; that four pilots have committed to providing rides for visitors and are working on getting their necessary certificates of insurance naming the County as additional insured. She said the tentative schedule is to have the Silver Wings demo at 11, the aerobatics at 1 and plane rides in between and afterward. She also said that volunteers are needed for various functions and that the necessary FAA paperwork will be going out this week.
 - (2) **Chamber of Commerce Report.** Mrs. Dawson said that Kim Tharp (Harris County Chamber) had provided her report regarding the Open House and reviewed same to include sponsorships, funds raised, the addition of a food truck with funnel cakes and snow cones, the cost of the kids area (\$750), the State Park, and Wild Animal Safari.
 - (3) **Hours.** The time will change to 10 AM to 4 PM.
 - (4) **Flyer.** Mr. Dowling had a copy of the most recent flyer for the event. Changes to same will include the time change (from 2 PM to 4 PM) and for people to bring lawn chairs.
 - (5) **Parking.** Mrs. Dawson said that Murray Bradley will be in charge of parking; that there will be golf carts for transporting those who have mobility difficulties. She also said that it may be possible to have use of the trolley formerly owned by the Aldrich Community Center.

- (6) Radios/Walkie-Talkies. It was suggested that radios/walkie-talkies would be beneficial for the event, particularly with parking, and Jimmy Carver, EMS Director, said that he will try to obtain such for use during the event.
- (7) Airport Development. Mr. Weaver said that Pond & Co will provide a display board regarding development at the Airport for attendees to learn more about the Airport.
- D. **Airport Summary**. Mr. Weaver said that GDOT just published and sent out its annual airport summary report, and he provided copies of same.
- E. **Airport Master Plan**. Ms. Schultz said that the plan was submitted to GDOT on February 28 and comments from GDOT should be forthcoming.
- F. **Fencing, Phase II and Taxiway Crack Seal and Runway Remarking Projects**. Ms. Schultz said pre-bid meetings are being held this morning for both projects; that they are looking at a late April or early May start date.
- G. **Fencing Funding**. Ms. Schultz said that GDOT has additional funding available, and Mr. Weaver said that the funding was 75/25 and will now be 90/5/5, which will reduce the County's cost.
- H. **Entrance Road**. Ms. Schultz said that the road has been completed and that an agreement has been reached regarding the cost overruns.
- I. **Tornado Damage**. In addition to the hangar damages, a section of the fence was damaged, and Mr. Weaver said to let him know the amount of the insurance assessments.
- 4. **NEXT MEETING**. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 10:00 AM.
- 5. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Langston adjourned the meeting.

_____ Minutes approved _____
 Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk by vote of _____ to _____.