

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
February 13, 2020
10:00 AM

Members Present: Randy Dowling, Nancy McMichael, Katelyn Stallings (for Pond & Co), Ronnie Pendergrass, Lynda Dawson, Jim Woods. Members Absent: Becky Langston, Kim Tharp. Also in attendance: Phil Eberly (Lead Edge Design Group), Reg Weaver (Lead Edge Design Group), Justin Gobbel (Kimbley-Horn), Bill Tudor (Holt Engineering), Dawn Hiers (HC Chamber), Greg Hadley (pilot).

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** In the absence of Mrs. Langston, Mr. Dowling called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020, was made by Mrs. Dawson, seconded by Ms. Stallings, and passed unanimously.
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Airport Consulting Services RFQ.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that eight (8) responses were received to the Airport Consulting Service RFQ; that only four (4) members of the Airport Committee can be on the RFQ evaluation committee; and that he recommends himself, Nancy McMichael, Ronnie Pendergrass, and Lynda Dawson to be on the evaluation committee. Mr. Woods said he would be willing to assist, and Mrs. McMichael gave up her position on the committee to Mr. Woods. There were no objections to the make-up of the evaluation committee.
 - B. **Airport Issues.** Mr. Pendergrass reported the following:
 - (1) **Fencing.** The fencing project has been completed and everything is good.
 - (2) **Lighting.** Diverse Power has installed the street lights and all are working.
 - (3) **Street Sweeper.** A street sweeper was hired to remove the rabble (pebbles, sediment, etc.) from the ramp, hangar, and other areas, and everything is cleared of rabble.
 - (4) **GDOT Inspection.** The GDOT inspection was yesterday, that the Airport received a grade of 100, and that a report regarding same will be forthcoming.
 - C. **Open House/Fly In Event (May 9, 2020).**
 - (1) **FAA Clearance.** Mrs. Dawson said that Ms. Stallings, with Pond & Co., is assisting her with getting the FAA paperwork for the event in order.
 - (2) **Aerobatic Pilot.** Mrs. Dawson said that Buck Roetman, an aerobatic pilot with low level clearance waiver, has indicated he can perform at the event, but the cost is \$3,500. She said there are issues with the aerobatic pilot from last year, from whom she has not received confirmation, because he does not have low level clearance from the FAA. She also said that one of Mr. Roetman's conditions is that there must be a Air Boss on site during the event.
 - (3) **Sponsorship.** Ms. Hiers reported that the sponsors so far are Pond & Co. and the Town of Pine Mountain (for the Silver Wings), and that funding will come from the Tourism Fund. Mr. Dowling said that Titan Fuels is also a sponsor and will be donating \$500 toward the event.
 - (4) **Pilots to Fly Attendees During Event.** Mr. Pendergrass is to work on getting six or more pilots to fly attendees of the event in their planes; that the number is higher than last year because the pilots need to rotate. The insurance requirements apply (naming the County as an additional insured for the day of the event).
 - (5) **Other Functions.** Ms. Heirs said that Ms. Tharp is working on the same functions she coordinated last year (classic cars, state park, animal park, food vendors, fire department, Sheriff's Office, sound

system, bouncy house, ice cream truck, etc.). It was also mentioned that event boards are needed on site showing the times for each event so the public will know what's going to happen and when/where; that animal control will have animals on site for adoption (same as last year), that the time of 10-4 needs to change to 10-3, that more volunteers are needed than last year, that volunteers must sign the liability waiver before working on site, and that port-a-potties are needed.

(6) Poster. Poster needs to have a few changes made (add Titan Fuels, change time to 10-3, etc.), be finalized, sent via email for review, and then out the door to start advertising.

D. **Fencing Project**. Ms. Stallings said that the final invoice and release of retainage will be sent to the County as soon as she receives all the documents necessary for approval of same, which should be this week or next.

E. **Chamber Happenings**. Ms. Hiers reported that the annual Taste of Pine Mountain is next Friday (February 21), that the Chamber 30th anniversary gala at Callaway Gardens will be on March 9, that the State of the State in coordination with the Extension Service will be at Oakhurst on April 28, that the Chamber has developed a "explore Harris County" website (exploreharriscountygga.com), and that rack cards with the new website are being provided to various visitor centers and other locations.

4. **NEXT MEETING**. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 10:00 AM.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Dowling adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

Minutes approved _____
by vote of _____ to _____.