

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
September 7, 2021
9:30 AM

Members Present: Randy Dowling, Lynda Dawson, Phil Eberly (LeadEdge), Nancy McMichael, Ronnie Pendergrass, Kim Tharp, Jim Woods. Member Absent: Andrew Zuerner. Also in attendance: Amanda Rosstin (Lead Edge).

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Dowling called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2021 Regular meeting was made by Mrs. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Woods, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Open House/Fly In Event for 2021.** Ms. Tharp and Mrs. Dawson brought the Committee up to date on the status of the Open House/Fly In to include the flyer has been completed, the ice cream truck is confirmed, Pine Mountain VFD is confirmed, port-a-johns are confirmed, Candler Field School students a possibility, still working on the Beech 18 for display, Marty is to not do anything that will require FAA approval, Army recruiter to bring heavy equipment not yet confirmed, animal control/humane society will be on hand, golf carts from Callaway Gardens are confirmed, Boy Scouts confirmed for parking, antique car club not yet confirmed, EAC Focus not yet confirmed, FDR State Park is confirmed, Animal Safari not yet confirmed, Ft. Benning Jazz Band is confirmed, Silver Wings Parachute are confirmed, and the Vietnam display is confirmed.

Discussion included increasing food for Pine Mountain VFD to sell to serve 500, the ambulance helicopter is not yet confirmed, the plane pilots are still being confirmed, sanitizing stations will be needed, masks will be needed (Mr. Woods to provide), AED is on hand, LeadEdge will have display, and that county inmates are responsible for setting up/removing the tables and chairs as well as trash pickup.

Consensus was to move forward with event, unless the Governor halts large crowd gatherings (due to COVID).
 - B. **5 Year CIP.** Mr. Eberly distributed the November 2021 CIP, reviewed same, and said that if the projects are approved by the Committee, better cost estimates will be made before providing same to the Board for approval on October 5. Following discussion, the motion to approve the list of projects on the CIP was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Tharp, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Based Aircraft.** Mr. Eberly said that the County is in good shape, so no changes are needed.
 - D. **Funding.** Mr. Dowling reported that the Airport had a \$13,000 grant from the State and that funds should be received soon. He said that the Airport also has \$32,000 more on the way.
 - E. **Airport Apron Rejuvenation Bid.** Mr. Dowling said that the bids for the Airport Apron Rejuvenation are due the 23rd and will go before the Board of Commissioners on October 5 for award.
 - F. **Antenna Tower Status.** Mr. Pendergrass reported that the tower is up and the antenna

should be installed by the end of the month.

- G. **Forklift.** Mr. Pendergrass reported he is still working on obtaining a forklift.
 - H. **Fuel Truck Tires.** Discussion took place regarding tire replacements on the fuel truck to include that because the vehicle cannot be used on the road and is not tagged for such, Mr. Pendergrass is to arrange for escort by the Sheriff's Office to vehicle maintenance (and back) in order to have the tires replaced and other maintenance performed on the truck.
 - I. **Mulching of Growth.** Discussion took place regarding the skid steer mulching of the area behind the chain link fence, by the County, and consensus was that such is nothing but positive for the Airport.
- 4. **NEXT MEETING.** The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 9:30 AM in the Airport Terminal building.
 - 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 _____.