

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
January 13, 2022
9:30 AM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Dowling called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2021 Regular meeting was made by Ms. Tharp, seconded by Mr. Eberly, and passed unanimously. (No meetings in October, November or December 2021.)
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Airport Project Update: Apron Rejuvenation.** Mr. Eberly brought the Committee up to date on this project to include that the contract has been executed; that the pre-construction meeting will be held following this meeting; that the earliest this project can start will be in March; and that this project is funded 100% by federal funds.
 - B. **Airport Project Update: Runway Extension Justification Study.** Mr. Eberly brought the Committee up to date on this project to include that this is based on activity for which Mr. Pendergrass is trying to obtain; and that at least 500 operations are needed to justify the additional length of the runway.
 - C. **Funding for Airport.** Discussion included that the Airport will receive \$159,000, which is based on the number of based aircraft and if that changes the funding would change; that there should be more details in late spring; that more funding from FAA could be had with GPS approach, but in order to do that trees, on Callaway golf course property, would have to be taken down and maintained, which may be difficult to acquire, and could be done with an easement; that GPS is a pilot navigation tool to use during bad weather.
 - D. **Open House/Fly In Event for 2021.** There was a brief discussion regarding the recent October 9, 2021, Open House/Fly In event to include the pilots were happy and flew longer, no negative feedback, that perhaps wristbands or something similar should be used for control purposes those desiring to ride in the planes; that while there were no complaints from the pilots, they were burdened to a degree (with the rides); that a neighbor complained about the noise; that attendance was good at around 500; that the parachute demo was well received; and that something bigger/better is needed for next event.
 - E. **AWOS and Runway Lights.** Mr. Pendergrass said that the AWOS is mostly working, but runway lights are working
 - F. **Forklift.** Mr. Pendergrass said that he is still working to obtain a forklift, and Mr. Dowling said that funds for such purchase are available until June 30, 2022.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Open House/Fly In Event for 2022.** Following discussion, consensus was to NOT have an Open House/Fly In event for 2022, but to reschedule to May 23, 2023, in order to allow time for Mr. Pendergrass to line up performers, but that increasing attendance will result in more risks and complexity; that a few more things should be added (aerial shows, etc.);

and that plane riders should sign up ahead of time and get a time slot for their ride, like a reservation list.

B. **Budget for 2022/2023.** Mr. Dowling reminded the Committee that the budget process for FY 2022/2023 will start in March.

4. **NEXT MEETING.** The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 10, 2022, 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 _____.