

**HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE**  
**April 14, 2022**  
**9:30 AM**

Members Present: Randy Dowling, Ronnie Pendergrass, Phil Eberly (LeadEdge), Nancy McMichael, Kim Tharp, Lynda Dawson, 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 January 13, 2022 Regular meeting was made by Ms. Tharp, seconded by Mr. Pendergrass, and passed unanimously. (No meetings in February or March 2022.)
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Open House/Fly In Event for 2023.** Ms. Tharp said that she and Mrs. Dawson are moving forward with planning of the May 23, 2023, event, which will be bigger, better, and more exciting.
  - B. **Airport Project Update: Apron Rejuvenation.** Mr. Eberly brought the Committee up to date on this project to include that the contract has been executed and contractor is waiting on materials in order to move forward. Mr. Dowling said that the project is budgeted in this year's budget and should be completed by June 2022.
  - 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 this is in addition to the annual \$150,000 from GDOT.
  - D. **Forklift.** Mr. Pendergrass said he has received the forklift, and Mr. Dowling said that funds for such purchase are available until June 30, 2022.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Budget for 2022/2023.** Mr. Dowling said the budget is being prepared and contains funds for projects on the current CIP to include runway lights, wind cone, and signage, but not included are improvements to the terminal building.
  - B. **Runway Strength Analysis.** Discussion included that a runway strength analysis has never been done, that such is beneficial to pilots; and that each time the runway is resurfaced, the strength goes up. Mr. Eberly recommended that if it's to be done, the strength analysis should be done after the runway extension.
  - C. **T-SPLOST.** There was discussion that the referendum to extend the T-SPLOST will be on the May 24 ballot.
  - D. **Hangars.** Mr. Pendergrass reported that the owners of planes in the hangars are pleased with the availability of wi-fi in the hangars. Discussion included there is a waiting list for hangars; that two T-Hangars of 10 each (20 units) are needed and will cost approximately \$2.5 million; that the return on investment is 20 years; and that the Board of Commissioners would have to decide on such. Following discussion, the motion to include in the upcoming budget to expand the T- Hangars by 20 more units was made by Ms. Tharp, seconded by Mrs. Dawson, and passed with six in favor and one abstention (Mr. Eberly).

E. **Introductions**. Ms. Tharp introduced Gloria Boyer as the Chamber's Tourism & Events Manager, and Mrs. McMichael introduced Andrea Dzioba as her successor (upon her retirement).

4. **NEXT MEETING**. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 9:30 AM in the Airport Terminal building.

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

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Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_  
by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.