

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
March 10, 2016
10:00 AM

Members Present: Harry Lange, Bill Champion, Jim Woods, Amanda Hill, Greg Wood, Nancy McMichael, Jayson Johnston, Jack Mayfield. Member Absent: Lynda Dawson. Also in attendance: Andy Kober, news reporter and volunteer firefighter, Richard Daniels, project manager; Daniel Ferrone, Pine Mountain Police; Melissa Moultrie, Pine Mountain Police; Jimmy Carver, Harris County EMS Chief.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016, was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Lange, and passed with five in favor (Wood, Lange, Champion, Hill, McMichael), no opposition, and one abstention (Woods).
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Status of Projects.** Richard Daniels, project manager, gave an update on the projects to include that the fill is done and rock is on the ground west of the hangar; that they are preparing to continue to move rock; that paving should start on Monday around the hangars; that the taxiway on the east side is down to the subgrade and work should move quickly pending no weather delays.
 - B. **Septic Tank.** Mr. Mayfield reported that the septic tank area has been located and will be installed as soon as the soil sample result is received.
 - C. **Berm.** Mr. Mayfield said that removing the berm will be the last item to be done.
 - D. **Corporate Hangars.** Mr. Mayfield reported that both corporate hangars have imperfections in the concrete floors and will be addressed later today during a punch-list walk-through.
 - E. **AT&T.** Mr. Mayfield said that AT&T has provided a generic layout for the phone lines, and Mr. Wood commented that the work needs to be done quickly.
 - F. **Corporate Hangar Lean-To and Parking.** Mr. Champion said that a parking lot may be needed for the employees of the prospective business; that the employees will be in the lean-to addition.
 - G. **Meeting with Lodge & Spa Representatives.** Mr. Champion said he will be meeting with representatives of the Lodge & Spa on March 28 to show them around the Airport, of which they are unaware.
 - H. **Aerocommander Flying Club.** Mr. Champion said that the Aerocommander Flying Club will be coming to the Lodge & Spa the week of September 24, will involve 30 to 50 single engine aircraft, and will be using a hangar for classes/training, for which about 40-50 folding chairs will be needed. He said the problem he will have will be parking all the planes, and that he will need an Av Gas truck that will hold 750 to 1,250 gallons.
 - I. **Temporary Parking.** In response to a question from Mr. Wood, Mr. Mayfield said that he has not followed up on the use of the plastic grid system through which grass can grow to stabilize temporary parking areas. Ms. Hill said that it won't be possible to get such approved by GDOT before September.

- J. **Air Traffic**. Mr. Champion reported that air traffic is good when the weather is good.
 - K. **CIP**. Ms. Hill reported that the CIP had been revised so that the apron project will be the priority project for 2017 since GDOT's "windfall" of \$20 million was only \$1.5 million, all of which went to one airport.
 - L. **Fire Truck Building**. In response to a question from Andy Kober, Pine Mountain Fire Fighter, regarding the fire truck, Ms. Hill said there is no funding from GDOT or FAA for same, and Mr. Wood suggested that it may be possible to use TIA funds.
 - M. **Aircraft in Hangars**. In response to a question from Mr. Lange, Mr. Champion said there are 24 aircraft in hangars with another five waiting; and that while he has had inquiries about housing ultra lights and is concerned about the danger of such light aircraft, he has advised that he has a waiting list and that possible Warm Springs Airport may better serve them.
 - N. **Taxiway Completion**. In response to a question from Mr. Lange, Mr. Daniels reported that he estimates completion of the taxiway project to be mid to late April.
 - O. **Access Road**. There was a brief discussion regarding the access road and possible completion by mid to late summer, but that same may need to be moved up.
 - P. **Rotating Beacon**. Mr. Champion reported that the rotating beacon is not operating; that the cost to refurbish would be approximately \$12,225 and to replace would be around \$9,886. This topic is to be on the next Board of Commissioners' agenda for emergency action due to the necessity of this equipment.
- 4. **NEXT MEETING**. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 14, at 10:00 AM.
 - 5. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lange adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

Minutes approved _____ by a vote of ____ to ____.