

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
October 20, 2016
10:00 AM

Members Present: Harry Lange, Bill Champion, Jim Woods, Nancy McMichael, Lynda Dawson, Amanda Hill.
Absent: Jayson Johnston. Also in attendance: Jim Trott, Mayor of Pine Mountain; Jimmy Carver, EMS Chief; Andy Kober, news reporter and volunteer firefighter; Don Adams, volunteer firefighter.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2016, was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Dawson, and passed with five in favor (Woods, Dawson, Champion, Hill, McMichael), no opposition, and one abstention (Lange, who was absent from the meeting).
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Status of Projects.** Amanda Hill was asked to review the various projects, as follows:
 - (1) **Taxiway Grassing.** Difficult to get grass to grow in drought; still working on same, however.
 - (2) **Fence Design.** Hold off until new County Manager in place; design only project; will take three to four months.
 - (3) **Apron.** Hold off until new County Manager in place; two phases - design and construction.
 - (4) **Hangar Taxilane.** Complete; should be closed out soon.
 - B. **Aerocommander Fly-In Event.** Mr. Champion reported that the fly-in was successful with 39 plans and 100 people in attendance; that they plan on coming back in two years as they alternate between the east coast and west coast; that they had a BBQ at the Airport and a banquet at Callaway; and that they had classes in the hangar where vendors were present. He said that the only glitch was the lack of golf carts, but they made do with the three that were made available by private owners. He asked that "thank you" letters be mailed and he will provide Mrs. McMichael with the information necessary to prepare same.
 - C. **Other Fly-In Events.** Mr. Champion reported that he has talked to two other groups about having a fly-in next year; that Mrs. Dawson will be helping him prepare information to send to the groups; and that he will try to get a Callaway Gardens package worked out regarding same.
 - D. **Golf Carts.** Mr. Lange reported that he and Mr. Woods had met with Bill Doyle, of Callaway Gardens, and that Mr. Doyle is still interested in providing golf carts at the Airport. Mr. Lange said that he referred Mr. Doyle to Mr. Champion regarding same.
 - E. **County Manager.** Mr. Lange said that it is anticipated that the new County Manager will be on board November 1, following action and contract approval during the Commission meeting on the same day.
 - F. **Airport Road.** No time line on paving. Ms. Hill said that she will prepare a proposal for the project so that the County complies with EPD and other requirements.
 - G. **Garmin.** Jimmy Carver, EMS Chief, reported that he had talked with representative of Garmin and they indicated they might want to have a seminar at the Airport. Mr. Carver is to provide contact info to Mr. Champion and Mrs. Dawson.

- H. **Southern Company Tug**. Mr. Champion said that the Southern Company is giving the Airport a “tug” and are waiting for it to be picked up. He said that he has arranged for a rollback truck to go pick up the tug tomorrow. There were no objections from Mr. Lange or Mr. Woods regarding taking ownership of the tug.
 - I. **CIP**. Ms. Hill distributed the most recent CIP and reviewed same. Comments included that fencing of the property is a major concern. Following discussion, Ms. Hill said that she would revise the list and email to all. Plans are to discuss the CIP during the November 1 Work Session of the Board of Commissioners, beginning at 6 PM.
 - J. **Hangar Occupancy**. Mr. Champion said that he does not have a waiting list for hangars and that there are four vacant, which include the two recently vacated by Ben Baker when he moved to one of the corporate hangars.
 - K. **Industrial Park**. Mr. Champion suggested that consideration be given to developing an aeronautics industrial park adjacent to the Airport.
- 4. **NEXT MEETING**. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 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 ____.