

**HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE**  
**March 9, 2017**  
**10:00 AM**

Members Present: Harry Lange, Jayson Johnston, Bill Champion, Lynda Dawson, Nancy McMichael, Amanda Hill.  
Members Absent: Jim Woods, Randy Dowling. Also in attendance: Andy Kober, news reporter and volunteer firefighter; Jimmy Carver, EMS Director; and Wayne Corley, Senior Consultant & Civil Engineer with MaesAwyr.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2017, was made by Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Dawson, and passed unanimously.
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
  - A. **Open House & Fly-In.** Mrs. Dawson reported that plans are underway for the open house and fly-in scheduled for Saturday, June 17, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
  - B. **Land Donations from Callaway Gardens.** Mrs. McMichael reported that Callaway Gardens had provided the letter regarding the acceptance of the Tax Assessor's appraisal regarding the property Callaway donated to the County; that the letter was forwarded to Amanda Hill, who has provided it to GDOT.
  - C. **Landscaping.** Mr. Champion reported that he has talked with the Prison Warden about having a crew to cut the saplings and overgrown brush.
  - D. **Security Path.** Mr. Champion said that construction of the security path is not yet completed, and Callaway Gardens is anxious to market the path, but can't do so until it is near completion.
  - E. **Runway Extension.** Mr. Champion said that the extension of the runway is going to take several years and that it needs to be started.
  - F. **Land Acquisition.** Mr. Champion reported that if the County is successful in obtaining the property between the Airport and Highway 18, the planned fencing could go through that property and that the cost will be about the same.
  - G. **Paving Repairs.** Mr. Champion reported that the asphalt repairs are still needed at the hangar; and that it should not be patched but replaced.
  - H. **Club Fly-Ins.** Mr. Champion reported that he met with Callaway again about the room rates for club fly-ins with the result being the room rate will be \$139/night, which is the same rate used for other special events.
  - I. **Grassing.** Mr. Champion said that the grassing should soon be started. Ms. Hill said that Alexander has about two weeks to get the grassing done.
  - J. **Away from Airport.** Mr. Champion reported that he will away from the Airport this afternoon and tomorrow morning in order to attend the Georgia Airports meeting in Columbus.
  - K. **Taxiway Lights.** Mr. Champion reported that the lights still haven't been replaced, but plans are to do so at the same time the flight check takes place. He said that he would like to see the lights connected to the photocell of the beacon so that when the beacon is turned on at night, the lights will also come on, and for there to be an override for use on cloudy/dark days.

- L. **Hours.** Mr. Champion said that the Airport is manned from 9 AM to 5 PM seven days a week.
  - M. **Shelter for Airport Fire Truck & Fuel Truck.** Mr. Kober reminded all that the shelter for the trucks will be needed before year's end.
  - N. **Fencing.** Wayne Corley said that the planned fencing will be 10' high, will probably be done in two phases, will have "C" posts adjacent the wooded areas; will have round posts adjacent the road, will have an access control pad, and will be galvanized 9 gauge, all of which is subject to GDOT approval.
  - O. **Solar Farm.** Ms. Hill distributed copies of aerial shots showing solar facilities adjacent airports. Mr. Lange said that more than likely the County will not be pursuing the development of a solar farm ordinance.
  - P. **Industrial Park.** Ms. Hill distributed copies of aerial shots showing industrial/business parks adjacent airports. She said that if the County wishes to pursue such, it should do its due diligence and have surveys and geotech reports completed in order to provide to interested parties. Mr. Champion said that the property between the Airport and Highway 18 is about 300 acres. Mr. Lange said that a future consideration of the County may be to work a deal with Callaway regarding their debt and the property.
  - Q. **Corporate Hangar Lease.** Mr. Champion said that he has been contacted by an Atlanta medical company about locating its plane here, and that the person is very much interested in same. Mrs. McMichael said that she will remind the County Attorney about drafting that lease, as well as revising the lease with Ben Baker.
- 4. **NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, at 10:00 AM.
  - 5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lange adjourned the meeting.

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Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

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