

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE

July 13, 2017

10:00 AM

Members Present: Harry Lange, Bill Champion, Lynda Dawson, Nancy McMichael, Amanda Hill, Jim Woods, Jayson Johnston, Randy Dowling. Also in attendance: Jim Trott (Mayor of Pine Mountain), Andy Kober (news reporter and volunteer firefighter); Daniel Ferrone (Pine Mountain Police Department)

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2017, was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and passed unanimously.
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Open House.** Mrs. Dawson said the Open House went well; that she understands the car clubs are anxious to come back again; and that comments were made for more food and for it to stay longer (ran out of food around 12:30). Discussion included the possibility of having pilots who give rides in helicopters or planes for a fee and who are properly insured.
 - B. **EPD Letters.** Mr. Dowling said he received two letters via email from EPD regarding the Taxiway Relocation project and the need to issue a Notice of Termination (NTP), and regarding the non-compliance of vegetation on the road shoulders and the need for permanent stabilization. Ms. Hill said that she will take care of the Taxiway Relocation NTP and send same to Mrs. McMichael this evening for execution, and Mr. Champion said that County is probably responsible for the other. Mr. Dowling said he will contact Mike Brown, Public Works Director, about the road.
 - C. **Capital Improvements Projects.** Mr. Dowling distributed a five-year Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) list that includes Airport needs. Discussion included that the terminal building notations could be removed from the FY 2019-20 list, the 2020-21 list, and the 2021-22 list.
 - D. **Building for Trucks.** Mr. Kober reminded all about the need for a building or structure in which to house the two fuel trucks and two fire trucks, and the deadline is fast approaching.
 - E. **Taxiway Grassing.** Ms. Hill said that the grass has finally grown in well.
 - F. **Ponding of Water in Hangar Area.** Ms. Hill said that the contractor will be making repairs to the pavement, which will take place during the last week in July.
 - G. **Taxiway Relocation Project.** Ms. Hill said that the closeout documents for this project will be sent to GDOT next week.
 - H. **Fencing.** Ms. Hill said that GDOT has approved the grant for the fencing.
 - I. **AWOS and Beacon Reimbursement.** Ms. Hill said that the first pay request for reimbursement to the County for these projects has been sent to GDOT.
 - J. **Verizon Wireless Rezoning Application.** Mr. Lange reminded all that action on the Verizon Wireless rezoning application will take place July 18. Ms. Hill said that she is expecting information from FAA today or tomorrow, and that she plans to be at the July 18 meeting. She said that while the FAA controls the air traffic it does not control objects that protrude into air space.

- K. **Fuel Truck**. Mr. Champion said that he has been talking to two companies about a fuel truck and is concerned about parts, should they be needed, because the trucks are on the West Coast and cost about \$44,000 to \$45,000. Mrs. McMichael reminded Mr. Champion that the truck would have to be bid out due to the cost.
 - L. **Fuel Pump Card Reader Power Issues**. Mr. Champion said that the fuel farm card reader has been without power since Friday night; that a new reader is on the way; and that the reader needs to be grounded to prevent similar future issues.
 - M. **Hangars and Birds**. Mr. Champion said that birds are still in the hangars, and Ms. Hill said that a solution regarding same is being researched.
 - N. **Property Acquisition**. Mr. Lange said that he, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Trott, and John Taylor, County Attorney, met with the Callaway Gardens Board of Directors on Tuesday, and he brought the Committee up to date on the items discussed, which included the five acres needed for the fence, that the Callaway is not in the donation (of land) mode anymore; and that it should be possible to successfully negotiate for the five acres.
 - O. **July 4**. Mr. Champion reported there were approximately 350 to 400 people at the Airport on July 4 to watch the fireworks from Callaway Gardens; that some were on the taxiway; that for the most part, everyone was nice but scattered about; and that once the fencing and the gate are in place, such a gathering shouldn't occur.
- 4. **NEXT MEETING**. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 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 ____.