

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE

September 14, 2017

10:00 AM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2017, was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Dawson, and passed unanimously.
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Hurricane Irma Damage.** Mr. Champion reported there was minimal damage from the recent hurricane, which included water coming under the door of the terminal.
 - B. **Fuel Truck.** Mr. Champion reported that the fuel truck is on site; that it works; and that he is awaiting a new hose reel from Eastern Aviation.
 - C. **Taxiway Lights.** Mr. Champion reported that there are about nine (9) taxiway lights out, which is not related to the recent hurricane.
 - D. **Courtesy Car.** Mr. Champion reported that one of the Airport's courtesy cars needs transmission work.
 - E. **Trees Near Runway.** Mr. Champion reported that the trees on the west side of the runway have not been kept cut like they should; that they are about 12 to 15 feet tall; that they need to be cut; that it is up to the County to keep the area clear of trees; and that the growth could result in an approach violation from the FAA.
 - F. **Grass.** Mr. Champion said that grass is very thick and high near the runway; and that it will need to be cut and baled and could possibly be used for mulch.
 - G. **Introduction of Katie Eleam.** Ms. Hill introduced her assistant, Katie Eleam.
 - H. **Fencing Design.** Ms. Hill reported that the design is moving along and should be 75% complete by the end of the month; that plans should be to GDOT and the County in the fall; that GDOT has offered an additional \$200,000, which will require a match of \$50,000 and which cannot come from the land bank; and that she will have GDOT provide info to the County regarding the additional allocation possibly in time for the October 3 meeting. Discussion included that while Callaway Gardens is ready to sell the property needed for the fencing project, the County is tight on funds and cannot move forward with a purchase.
 - I. **Hangar Pavement.** Ms. Hill said the pavement repairs at the hangar are 99.9% complete and are waiting on the second coat of paint. She also reported, which was confirmed by Mr. Champion, that there was no pooling of water as a result of the recent hurricane rains.
 - J. **CIP.** Ms. Hill distributed the revised CIP, reviewed same, and said that it should be ready to go before the Board of Commissioners for approval in October.
 - K. **Runway Extension.** There was discussion regarding various planes/jets that have gone to other airports when the runway is wet, which causes problems in landing and taking off.

- L. **Road and Master Plan Designs**. Ms. Hill said that she hopes to have the Task Orders for the design work of the road and master plan at the October 3 meeting of the Commissioners.
 - M. **Fire Truck Update**. Mr. Kober reported that due to the recent hurricane winds, the facility building the Pine Mountain fire truck had no damage, but completion has been delayed until January or February.
 - N. **Runway Issues**. Discussion included there is grass growing in the runway; that while pavement grooves may help in water runoff, the crowning is good and appears to work well; and that a motorgrader is needed to clip the edge of the runway.
 - O. **Verizon**. Mr. Lange reported that the County has not heard from Verizon regarding the disapproval of their application for a Special Use Permit for a cell tower near the Airport.
 - P. **Georgia Airport Association**. Mr. Champion reported that he plans to attend the Georgia Airport Association Meeting in Savannah.
4. **NEXT MEETING**. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 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 _____.