

**HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE**  
**March 8, 2018**  
**10:00 AM**

Members Present: Harry Lange, Jim Woods, Bill Champion, Amanda Hill, Lynda Dawson, Nancy McMichael, Colin Martin. Members Absent: Randy Dowling. Also in attendance: Tim Fredlund (Pond & Co.); Daniel Ferrone (Pine Mountain Police Department); Jimmy Carver (EMS Chief); Desmond Timmons (FDR Superintendent); Jared Simpson (FDR Asst Superintendent); Alex Santiago (IT Director).

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018, was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Dawson, and passed unanimously.
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
  - A. **Aircraft Based in Hangars.** Ms. Hill said that now that there are over 30 aircraft based at the Airport, the FAA requires a data base of same; and that she will get with Mr. Champion about the list.
  - B. **Fence Project.** Ms. Hill said that the fence project was awarded to McCall Fencing; that additional funding has been approved by GDOT and increases the fencing to 9,103 linear feet, but the local match for the additional funding is \$400. Mr. Lange said the County should be able to meet the match. Ms. Hill said that she will be in touch with Mrs. McMichael regarding the letter of intent that is needed regarding the fencing project. She also said that McCall Fencing should be able to start within four weeks, and the project is to be completed in 60 days. There was a brief discussion regarding keeping individuals on golf carts off the runway once the fencing is up, and Ms. Hill said that because the County does not own the small section of Callaway property, there will be a small gap, but that there will be appropriate posted signage regarding the property.
  - C. **ALP.** Ms. Hill said that the drawings for the ALP should be ready for the next meeting, after which they would be submitted to GDOT for its process.
  - D. **Road Design.** Ms. Hill said that since the Commissioners decided not to use the road funds (\$300,00) toward the fencing project, they will proceed with road design documents to get it bid out next month and the project complete by the end of the fiscal year.
  - E. **County Budget.** Ms. Hill said that she will be providing Randy Dowling, County Manager, information for the upcoming budget to include proposed zoning around the airport property and minimum standards that should be met by anyone wanting to be based out of the Airport.
  - F. **Introduction.** Mr. Champion introduced Johnny Caldwell, a student from Springwood who has just been accepted to the Air Force Academy.
  - G. **Fuel Sales.** Mr. Champion said that fuel sales are still down due to the weather issues.
  - H. **Inmate.** Mr. Champion said that the inmate is able to keep the grass mowed, and that the Prison Warden will be setting up a class for him and his three attendants to be able to have the inmate on site regardless of who is working on a particular day.
  - I. **Runway Markings.** Mr. Champion said that runway markings have been washed and cleaned.
  - J. **Airport Inspection.** Mr. Champion said that the Airport inspection has been delayed but it should be in good shape.
  - K. **Papas Lights.** Mr. Champion reported that one of the papas lights works intermittently, and Ms. Hill said she would contact Trinity Lighting about the issue.
  - L. **Trees.** Mr. Champion said the trees at the end of the runway should be dealt with shortly.

- M. **Repairs to Terminal.** Mr. Champion said that repairs to the Terminal are coming along.
- N. **Hangars.** Mr. Champion reported that the hangars are full.
- O. **Security Cameras.** Mr. Santiago reported that the camera system is up and running; that it is a motion sensor system that runs only when there is movement; that it has 90% coverage over all, to include the hangars; and that it should be able to retain 60 to 90 days of video.
- P. **Telephone & Internet.** Mr. Santiago reported that he is working with Charter to get better telephone and internet connections at the Airport.
- Q. **Harris County Chamber of Commerce & Pine Mountain Merchants Association.** Mr. Martin reported that the Pine Mountain Merchants Association is merging with the Chamber of Commerce.
- R. **Fly In/Open House.** Mrs. Dawson said that the event will be held June 16; that she is working on getting the Silver Wings (to parachute in) and sponsorship for the \$600 required for same; that she is working on getting the DC3 to provide rides and sponsorship to offset costs; that she is working on getting a helicopter company to provide rides and sponsorship to offset costs. Also, Mr. Martin said he will provide Mrs. Dawson with contact information for a 5K walk/race; Chief Ferrone said that Pine Mountain PD will have vehicles on site; Mrs. Dawson said that Pine Mountain FD will provide the food; Mr. Timmons and Mr. Simpson said FDR State Park will do whatever they can to provide assistance to include a free raptor program and they obtained contact info from Mrs. Dawson to provide to their programming personnel; Mr. Timmons said the park will share the event information on its media pages; Mr. Martin will contact Gary Jones about the possibility of having aircraft from Ft. Benning on site; Ms. Hill suggested having a donation box for the raptor show; Mr. Champion suggested using the space between hangars for kids to ride their tricycles; Mrs. Dawson will contact the Sheriff's Office to have some vehicles on site; Mrs. Dawson said that in connection with the Silver Wings, an Army recruiter will be on site; Chief Ferrone will provide an outdoor sound system; Mr. Martin will promote the event; and suggestions included having a bicycle and/or foot race on the runway. Ms. Hill is to provide Mr. Martin with last year's flyer.
- S. **Website.** Mrs. Dawson said that she is meeting tonight with Tracie Moore regarding the Airport's website and Facebook site.
- T. **Runway Extension.** Mr. Fredlund said that the Commissioners had expressed an interest regarding funding from the Governor's program for runway extensions; that he had advised there were 11 airports on the list; that since that time two more have been added; that they can pursue trying to get the Airport on the list, but if successful, it is estimated the local match for the County would be about \$750,000. Mr. Fredlund and/or Ms. Hill is to email the County Manager about this issue.
4. **NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 10:00 AM.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Woods adjourned the meeting (Mr. Lange departed the meeting earlier to go to another meeting).

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Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

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