

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
Airport Terminal, 789 Sky Meadow Drive, Pine Mountain, GA
April 17, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Dowling, Phil Eberly (Lead Edge Design Group), Lynda Dawson, Ronnie Pendergrass, Vance Smith, Andrea Dzioba. Members Absent: Rob Grant, Jim Woods. Also in attendance: Gloria Boyer (Harris County Chamber of Commerce) and Amanda Rostin (Lead Edge Design Group).

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Dowling called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2023 Regular meeting was made by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Smith, and passed unanimously.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Open House/Fly-In Event for May 2023.** Discussion was held related to the upcoming Airport Open House to be held on May 20th. Discussion included that there would be banners, a bounce house, food trucks, face painting, restrooms, hotdogs/hamburgers, lemonade, antique cars, plane rides (6 planes), parachuters, band, and a Vietnam display. Gloria Boyer was going to try to get Delta training to attend and advised that the Chamber of Commerce has a PA system. Additional discussion was held related to electricity, the locations of the tents, that the Boy Scouts would be directing traffic and that Ronnie Pendergrass would follow up with the Full Throttle Formation Team.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Discussion - Capital Projects.** Mr. Dowling informed the members that the electrical project was on the agenda for tomorrow and that Trinity was the sole bidder on the project. Discussion included that the project would include a change to LEDs, that there would be changes to some signage and a new illuminated windcone. Additionally, a mandatory north reference marker would also be installed. Mr. Eberly informed the members that he spoke to Headley and they would be able to do an extension and the prices were still valid. Ms. Dawson advised that she has spoken with Commissioners. Mr. Dowling advised that it was not included in the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Mr. Dowling advised that the road in the project could be taken out and paid for by TSPLOST. He stated that the net debt service after additional revenue is calculated is approximately \$60,000 per year over 20 years and very close to breakeven. He doesn't believe that there is any motivation to do the project and this was the first project in over 30 years of doing this that he has ever had a formal protest related to the bid process. Mr. Smith inquired about providing all of the financial figures to the Commissioners on a single sheet showing costs vs. revenues. Mr. Dowling stated that himself and Mr. Eberly will create a one-page document to provide to the Commissioners that shows neutral (or close to neutral) costs for the project before the meeting tomorrow evening.

A motion to provide an updated document to the Commissioners showing the debt service vs. additional revenue was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dawson, and passed with five in favor (Dowling, Dawson, Pendergrass, Dzioba, Smith) and one abstention (Eberly).

 - B. **Airport Budget.** Mr. Dowling reviewed and provided a brief overview of the proposed budget for the airport for the FY 2023-2024.

- C. **Airport Committee Meetings Day and Time.** Discussion was held about moving the meeting to the third Monday of each month as it fits schedules better. A motion to move the meetings to the third Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dowling, and passed unanimously.
5. **NEXT MEETING.** The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Airport Terminal building.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Dowling adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Prepared by: Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk

Minutes approved _____
by vote of _____ to _____.