

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
Airport Terminal, 789 Sky Meadow Drive, Pine Mountain, GA
June 22, 2023
9:30 a.m.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Dowling called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Regular meeting was made by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Woods, and passed unanimously.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Open House/Fly-In Event for May 2023.** Discussion was held related to the Airport Open House that was held on May 20th. Randy Dowling advised that the event was very successful. Gloria Boyer advised that she has had people contacting her to participate next year including someone that could do helicopter rides. Mr. Gary Brossett, President of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Chapter 677 in Columbus, GA contacted Gloria Boyer and said that he would like to be a fly-in and that he also participated in the Thunder in the Valley Air Show. He also owns a hot air balloon and can maybe have a static display. She was also contacted by Robert Smith who was interested in putting on a military re-enactment. Gloria said that some of the vendors need to be moved from the north side of the building so that they are more visible; that there need to be more hamburgers and not quite as many hotdogs; maybe some additional food trucks including funnel cakes; an Army band again if possible, and more of a military presence. Phil Eberly said that he attends events in Calhoun (that holds “Wings and Wheels”) and Pickens (that has a Military Appreciation Day). Gloria Boyer said that she would check and see if Delta has anything that they can do at next year’s event also. Lynda Dawson said that she has done tie-dye t-shirts at another event and that maybe that might be a good thing to also consider. Phil Eberly said that Lead Edge also sponsored and paid the adoption fees for a dog that was at the event to help facilitate adoption. Discussion was held about a date for next year and it was decided to hold the event on May 4, 2024 in order to not interfere with other events and graduations.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Discussion - Capital Projects.** Phil Eberly said that the lighting project has been all approved and that once the contractor has all of the materials that the project will begin. It is expected to start in the Fall - maybe November - and that no less 30-day’s notice will be provided to the tenants. He stated that the AWOS (automated weather observation system) is expected to be completed in roughly the same time frame. The AWOS project is being completed by a different company than the lighting project.

Phil Eberly said that the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan to be submitted in November will go to the Board of Commissioners for approval and then will be submitted and that it is expected that we should get funding information soon. The County should receive a TA (Tentative Allocation) letter and included was a request for a 75%/25% for terminal expansion.

- B. **Harris County Chamber Event.** Gloria Boyer advised that the Harris County Chamber Event - Coffee & Connect will be held on October 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Harris County Airport and that Phil Eberly of Lead Edge Design Group will be in attendance and lead the program to talk about airport improvements that have been completed and upcoming projects.
- C. **Airport Fuel.** Randy Dowling said that effective July 1st that Campbell Oil will be providing airport fuel and it is branded Phillips 66. There will be a \$25,000 payment made by Campbell Oil to be used for the Airport.
- 5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Dowling adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Prepared by: Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk

Minutes approved _____
by vote of _____ to _____.