

**HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE**  
**Airport Terminal, 789 Sky Meadow Drive, Pine Mountain, GA**  
**January 23, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Randy Dowling, Phil Eberly (Lead Edge Design Group) [arrived at 9:49 a.m.], Lynda Dawson, Jim Woods, Ronnie Pendergrass, Andrea Dzioba. Members Absent: Rob Grant Vance Smith. Also in attendance: Gloria Boyer (Harris County Chamber of Commerce), Amanda Rostin (Lead Edge Design Group) [arrived at 9:49 a.m.]

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Dowling called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2023 Regular meeting was made by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Woods, and passed unanimously.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Discussion - Capital Projects.** Phil Eberly said that the lighting and AWOS projects will start soon and then they will coordinate with Ronnie Pendergrass to provide 30 days' notice to the tenants. He said that they may start around February 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pendergrass said that it may be active for another week past that from February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>. Amanda Rostin said that it will be coordinated with GDOT and the contractor.
  - B. **Open House/Fly-In Event May 2024.** Gloria Boyer advised that the banners will be redone with the new date and put out at the end of March. Mr. Dowling asked about a new flyer for the website and Ms. Boyer said that the flyer may be available at the end of February. Lynda Dawson that Silver Wings and the band have been asked to come and that she will send car show contacts to Gloria Boyer. Discussion included that the event may have the Electra, Falcon RV Squadron, Mr. Sells' T6 or T34, Mr. Harrison's little yellow plane, a state patrol helicopter, fire departments cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, a Vietnam hospital set-up, the Humane Society, five or six pilots, and restrooms. Discussion continued and included possible sponsorship funds to cover Army aviation (Huey), picnic tables, golf carts from Callaway, the Boy Scouts, Callaway Blue, barricades, the radio station, and a sound system.
  - C. **Harris County Airport Authority.** Mr. Dowling wanted to make the Committee aware that there is a Harris County Airport Authority that has been created by Legislative Act but is not "active" until the Board of Commissioners appoint members. Mr. Eberly stated that there are pros and cons to an Airport Authority and that there are some that are in existence but they are not prevalent. Mr. Woods inquired as to whether the Authority could produce enough revenue for debt. Mr. Dowling stated that the Authority would have to have General Fund kicking in to support it.

Mr. Eberly informed the Committee that Harris County should receive the Tentative Allocation letter in June.

4. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Dowling adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

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Prepared by: Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk

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