

MID-WAY REGIONAL AIRPORT JOINT AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mid-Way Regional Airport Joint Airport Board was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at the Mid-Way Regional Airport, 131 Airport Drive.

Members Present: Al Castleman, Chairman
Dale Stevenson, Vice Chairman
Mark Morgan, Secretary
George Kent
Aubrey Price
Glynn Hall

Members Absent: Paula Baucum

Others Present: Andy Biery, Airport Manager
Tammy Bowen, Airport Operations
Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager, City of Waxahachie
Chris Dick, Finance Director, City of Midlothian
Ken Chambers, Councilman, City of Midlothian
Doug Barnes, Director of Economic Development, City of Midlothian
Jonathan Farmer, Design Engineer, KSA Engineers
Debbie Standefer, CEO, DFW Summer Balloon Classic

Opening: Chairman Al Castleman called the meeting to order and George Kent gave the invocation.

Minutes:

George Kent moved to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2009 as presented; second by Mark Morgan. All Ayes.

Financial Report: A Financial Report was reviewed by the Board.

Manager's Report: Andy Biery reported:

Airport Operations and Airport Maintenance for the month of May.

The Hayes property will probate on June 8th and the Strebeck Condemnation will take place on June 24th. With these two items accomplished, the runway expansion project will resume and TxDOT will be ready to go out for bids.

A reply was received from TxDOT regarding the Hwy 287 turn lanes into the Airport. They said that they do not have any money to make changes, but would consider re-design with local funding support.

A marketing plan is being put together for the Fall Nationals Drag Race in Ennis to try to make Mid-Way the central place for the teams and the sponsors to fly into.

Update regarding land management plan and communications with adjacent landowners. All of the landowners were pleased to hear that the Airport is trying to do something about the hogs. However, most of the properties are being leased to the Harper Cattle Company and the company is not interested in having anyone on the property for any purpose including trapping hogs. Thirty hogs have been trapped on Airport Property to date. There have been no negative comments stemming from the news article.

Debbie Standefer was present to give an update on the upcoming balloon festival.

Eagles Nest Airport has made the decision to become a public use Airport and has asked Mid-Way Airport to provide them with a letter of agreement indicating our support for that move. Andy asked that the Board to be thinking about things that might cause conflict for the Airport and take them into consideration before sending a letter.

Glider Operations: Andy Biery asked the Board for the mandate to conduct the glider/banner towing operations in the same manner as any other aircraft, immediately upon landing, by moving their aircraft/equipment off of the runway or grassy area and beyond the OFA, if there are any other aircraft in the pattern waiting to land or takeoff. The Board suggested that Andy seek an official ruling or variance from the standard from TxDOT.

Conditions of approval for use of permit to eradicate nuisance/destructive animals by Airborne Imaging: Andy Biery asked the Board for suggestions for things to include in a letter to Airborne Imaging that would set any ground rules that might be necessary while performing the task of eradication. Al Castleman suggested that there not be shooting going on if there is any other traffic in the area. The Board asked Aubrey Price to help Andy come up with some other suggestions for the letter since he has done this before.

Authorizing the Airport Manager to execute Indemnity Agreement with Airborne Imaging:

Glynn Hall moved to approve giving Andy Biery, Airport Manager, authorization to execute the Indemnity Agreement with Airborne Imaging; second by Dale Stevenson. All Ayes.

Authorizing Airport Manager to execute the landowner's authorization to manage animals by aircraft for Airborne Imaging:

George Kent move to approve giving Andy Biery, Airport Manager, authorization to execute the landowners authorization to manage animals by aircraft for Airborne Imaging; second by Glynn Hall. All Ayes.

Presentation by Jonathan Farmer, KSA Engineers, to discuss the runway extension construction phasing: Jonathan Farmer explained the six different phases of the runway expansion project, when each will occur and what it will mean to the Airport. There was a concern about the phase where the part of the Ramp area where the tenants taxi out would be closed and the self-serve would not be accessible. Jonathan said that they should be able to overlay that area in one day and at that point we should have some flexibility with the contractor. Al Castleman suggested sending a letter out to the tenants when we know a date so that they could move their aircraft out to another part of the ramp if needed. Andy Biery told the Board that based on the information that TxDOT has given him, the construction phase should begin between the end of September and the first of October this year.

Terminal renovation plans, phasing and updates on progress of design concepts and fund sources: Andy Biery said that both Cities are very excited to hear about the renovation plans and the fact that we are able to use funds that are already in the budget. Andy said that it will bring a greater rent value and brings a lot of good things to the Airport. With the complexity of the project and the length of time that it will take, none of the traditional ways of sending out bids are appropriate. After talking to the City of Midlothian, it was decided that the best option would be to allow KSA Engineers to design the phasing plan around our budget over the next three years. The first thing they will do is provide us with a budget of what it will cost to put the phasing plan together and some concept floor plans based on our input. By the next Board meeting there should be floor plans to review. KSA will then design a contractor by contractor plan to use the funds that will be available to us over the next three years. If the cost ends up exceeding the RAMP budget, TxDOT said that they would consider paying for the elevator or external structure using the terminal project grant which is eligible for 50% reimbursement. Both of the Cities said that the Airport has the funds available in their budget to pay the 50% match.

Adjournment: There being no further business,

Dale Stevenson moved to adjourn; second by Glynn Hall. All Ayes.

