

MID-WAY REGIONAL AIRPORT JOINT AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mid-Way Regional Airport Joint Airport Board was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Midlothian, 104 West Avenue E, Midlothian, Texas.

Members Present: Paula Baucum, Chairman
Mark Morgan, Vice Chairman
Glynn Hall, Secretary
George Kent
Dale Stevenson
Aubrey Price
Jim Polewchak

Others Present: Andy Biery, Airport Manager
Tammy Bowen, Airport Operations
Don Hastings, City Manager, City of Midlothian
Chris Dick, Finance Director, City of Midlothian
Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager, City of Waxahachie
Doug Barnes, Director of Economic Development, City of Waxahachie

Opening: Chairman Paula Baucum called the meeting to order and George Kent gave the invocation.

Board Announcements:

Paula Baucum informed the Board about the Aviation Summit coming up on October 1, 2009.

Public Comments:

Beorn A. Leger, P.O. Box 1094, Midlothian, Tx, registered as a non-speaker, present to support other speakers concerning airport operations and Airport Management.

Bill Fuller, Hangar #1, Mid-Way Airport, registered as a non-speaker, present to support other speakers concerning Airport operations and Airport Management.

Ken Lantz, FBO Partner, Southern Star Aviation, Mid-Way Airport, stated that on July 21, 2009, due to an accounting error, Southern Star Aviation ran out of jet fuel for approximately four hours. Ken said that this was the first time that the business has ever run out of fuel and they have corrected the accounting problems and have taken steps to make sure that it doesn't happen again.

Dave Wheeler, FBO Partner, Southern Star Aviation, Mid-Way Airport, expressed his concern that a letter of reprimand had been written by Airport Management regarding the FBO running out of fuel on July 21st.

Ken Lantz, FBO Partner, spoke about an incident involving the glider operations and a Citation jet departing from Mid-Way.

Charles E. Crist, 1903 Alexander Dr, Waxahachie, Tx, E-Viz, Inc., expressed his displeasure on the matter of the boundary fence being removed between the Airport and their property, north of the existing hangars.

Carol Walker, 1209 Williamsburg Dr, Ennis, Tx, Big Q Aviation, Mid-Way Airport, expressed her displeasure with Airport Management.

Minutes:

George Kent moved to approve the Minutes of August 4, 2009 as presented; second by Aubrey Price. 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 August.

A request has been sent to both Airports Division and Flight Standards to discuss the inconsistency of the potential to modify airport design standards to allow the simultaneous use of the Runway and Runway Safety Area. The Airport is still waiting on a response from Flight Standards. The Board asked that Andy stay on top of this and get the issued resolved.

Airport advertisement has been sent out to airplanes that landed on the dates of the fall national races in Ennis, during the previous three years at Midway, Lancaster, Ennis and Redbird, inviting them to use our Airport during that time.

Paula Baucum suggested looking at the COG Grant Program to see if there are any funds that can be used to replace the Airport courtesy cars, possibly hybrid vehicles.

Advertising for bids on the runway construction was released to the press on Saturday, August 29th. The Board will be asked to select the winning bid at the next Board meeting.

Terminal Renovation Funding: Met in Austin with TxDOT to go over details of funding plan. While we have limited airfield needs, we will be able to take a long term approach to renovation using RAMP funds each year until TxDOT can put us in for Terminal money and the Cities have sufficient money to match. Next most important step is deciding what to do with 2010 funds. There will be options for the Board to consider at the next meeting.

Airport Rules and Regulations: Each Board member was asked to review the Rules and Regulations and the model from TxDOT at the last Board meeting and to send their suggestions or comments to Andy so that they could be redlined for review at this Board meeting. The following additional changes were suggested during the meeting:

- Section 5, Rule 27, Traffic Advisory – Consider adding something to encourage people to use the AWOS.
- Section 5, Rule 29, Touch and Go Landings – Change the wording “all aircraft **shall** use the UNICOM during these operations” to “all aircraft **are encouraged to** use the UNICOM during these operations”.
- Section 7, Rule 59, Alcoholic Beverages - Change the wording “A Special Use Permit for the service of alcoholic beverages **shall** be approve by both Cities” to “ **must be** approved”.
- Section 10, Penalty for Violations - Change “The Airport Manager may deny use of the Airport.....pending a hearing by the **City Council**” to “pending a hearing by the **Airport Board**. Also, add that “anyone denied use may then make their case before the City Councils.
- Section 5, Rule 19 (a), Fueling of Aircraft - Add that helicopters may also be fueled while engine is running.
- Section 5, Rule 19 (g), Fueling of Aircraft - Change language to address defueling operations in hangars where maintenance is permitted.

Charles Crist expressed his concern with Rule 7, Access from off Airport property, Through-the-fence Operations Prohibited. Charles said that E-Viz, Inc. prior to purchasing land adjacent to the Airport, obtained approval from the Airport and the City of Midlothian for Through-the-Fence and was instructed by the Board to get approval from the FAA. The Board asked Charles to bring documentation showing the approvals to the next Board meeting.

Aubrey Price moved to table the Airport Rules and Regulations documents for the next Board meeting; second by Dale Stevenson; All Ayes.

Backup Power Generator: It was recommended by Estes Electric that the Airport purchase at least an 8500 watt generator which would provide enough backup power to the box hangars so that the doors could be opened during a power outage and for the terminal building so that the FBO could continue doing business. It was suggested by the Board that Andy look at purchasing a big enough generator to keep the runway lights and beacon running.

Vision and strategic planning for Airport development: This item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Executive Session: The Board adjourned into Executive Session to deliberate a performance evaluation of the Airport Manager as permitted by Texas Government code, Section 551.074, at 5:40 pm.

Regular Session: The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:20 pm. No action was taken.

Adjournment: There being no further business,

George Kent moved to adjourn; second by Aubrey Price. All Ayes.