

Aransas County Airport January 5th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Members present were Vice Chair Betty Stiles, Jim Rester, and Rick Smith, also in attendance, Mike Geer, Secretary/Airport Manager, Pat Rousseau, Liaison from the Commissioners Court, Cody Stewart Representing MS Land & Aero and Aransas County Civil Attorney Jen Osteen. Members absent, Duane Scheumack and Chairman Travis McDavid.
2. 9:00a Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Stiles.
3. 9:00a Quorum declared by Vice Chair Stiles.
4. 9:02a A motion was made by Member Smith to accept the minutes from the December meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Member Rester and carried unanimously.
5. 9:04a Discussion of General operations. Airport Manager Geer briefed the board members on public safety and flight operations. Geer noted that December 2021 had been a better month for traffic than in 2020 and that there had been no reported runway incursions or safety concerns since the last meeting. Next was a discussion about a land lease request from MS Land & Aero who are currently in negotiations with Kathy Noble of Grand Laurent to purchase her hangar. The discussion surrounded MS Land & Aero's intended use of the hangar and whether or not that activity met FAA grant assurance and compliance. Since this was not an action item and because it was clear that further negotiations were necessary, it was decided that a special meeting would be called in order to allow both parties to have time to make changes to the agreement and then be able to present a draft to the board members to review and before the agreement could be presented at commissioners court. No action was taken.
6. 10:00a Discussion of Financial Statements. Manager Geer presented the 2021 fuel profit report noting that fuel profits had been trending upward each year since 2014 indicating robust and sustained growth. Geer advised that the final 2021 budgeted cash flow report would not likely be available until the February 2022 meeting but that he anticipated that budgeted revenues versus budgeted expenses would not result in a deficit for the 2021 FY. Geer noted that the airport had not received a Hurricane Harvey loss-of-use payment from Regional Pool Alliance Insurance Company for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2021. No action was taken.
7. 10:10a Discussion of Airfield Lighting Repairs. Manager Geer informed the members that all the same outages existed as presented in the previous meeting since Rural Electric had not been back on site since November. Geer told the members that he had been communicating to Rural about airport lighting needs but Rural had been overloaded and very slow to respond. Geer added that there are only a few contractors who can handle airport lighting and with so many airports in Texas that don't employ a full time electrical engineer sometimes we are forced to wait our turn. It was suggested by Jen Osteen that RPA should be handling the contractors who were still performing hurricane repairs and Geer said that he would take that under advisement. No action was taken.
8. 10:25a Discussion of Insurance Related Construction Projects. Manager Geer informed the members that he had been told by Don Jackson Construction that they would be demobilizing, while Kathleen Hicks of RPA had indicated that there may still be a chance for

arbitration between the two parties. Geer told the members that no further construction had taken place since the last board meeting. No action was taken.

9. 1035a Discussion of Grants and Related Projects. Manager Geer informed the members that the CARES, and APRA Grants had been exhausted in 2021 adding that fuel purchase receipts were submitted for reimbursement. Geer added that the airport's classification in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) had been downgraded from Regional to Local after the hurricane due to the number of based aircraft falling below the threshold of 40 planes. Geer explained that this lower classification has negatively affected the airport's grant allotments by a difference of \$176,000 between CARES, ARPA and the recently passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and that since these grants are eligible for 90/10 Airport Improvement Grant matching funds, the airport would be missing out on up to \$1,760,000 in buying power. Geer explained that new hangars would be necessary in order to attract plane owners which would then raise the airport's based aircraft number over 40 planes thereby changing the classification back to Regional. No action was taken.
10. 10:58 A Motion to Adjourn was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Rester and passed unanimously.



Mike Geer, Airport Manager

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Date