

Aransas County Airport June 1st, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Members present were Chairman Travis McDavid (arrived at 0913), Vice Chair Betty Stiles, and Jim Rester. Also in attendance, Commissioner Pat Rousseau, Liaison to the Commissioners Court, Mike Geer, Secretary/Airport Manager, and Jerry Brown. Absent, Members Duane Scheumack and Rick Smith.
2. 9:00a Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Stiles.
3. 9:03a Mike Geer made the members aware of ACTS Aviation's intention to host a banquet honoring the 80th birthday of their newest acquisition, a BT-13 Vultee, at their corporate hangar later this month. No action taken.
4. 9:05a Jerry Brown informed the members of his intention to form a 501c 3 organization and then with the assistance of the airport advisory board, name trustees to a board which would then serve as organizer for future fly-ins and airshows. Commissioner Pat Rousseau noted that a 501c 3 could possibly qualify for Hotel Occupancy Tax money. No action was taken.
5. 9:13a Chairman McDavid arrived and a quorum was declared.
6. 9:15a A motion was made by Member Rester to approve the minutes as amended from the agenda (the date should have been May 4th, 2022 instead of March 10th and April 6th) seconded by Vice Chair Stiles and passed unanimously.
7. 9:18a Discussion of Open Meetings Acts. A motion was made by Vice Chair Stiles to table the item until a letter of opinion from the County Attorney's office could be solicited and read into the minutes of a future meeting for public record, seconded by Member Rester and carried unanimously.
8. 9:38a Discussion of a T-Hangar Lease Agreement. A motion to table was made by Vice Chair Stiles until more work could be put into the agreement and insurance liability limits were known, seconded by Chairman McDavid and passed unanimously.
9. 10:00a Discussion of current airport needs versus 2017. The members heard suggestions from the airport manager, Mike Geer with respect to how the airport should rebuild from Harvey. Geer explained that a market for Box Hangar customers no longer exists and that rebuilding Hangars Blue, Small and Block would result in vacant hangars which would still have high maintenance and operation overhead without realizing much if any revenue. Geer made the argument that T-Hangars are the future of Aransas County Airport and that he would like to have the board's support in asking the commissioners to accept Actual Cash Value (ACV) settlements for the box hangars he mentioned. A motion was made by Chairman McDavid to support the airport manager's request with the caveat that we get confirmation of adequate payment in lieu of replacement of buildings based on previous conversations with RPA referenced in the meeting. A motion was seconded by Vice Chair Stiles and carried unanimously.
10. 10:25a Discussion of Airport Manager's proposal to ask the Commissioners Court to allow the airport to use ACV from the Blue, Small and Block hangar settlement to purchase the 12 unit T Hangar owned by Stewart Legacy Group which will be put up for sale. Geer explained that the airport had been given a verbal first right of refusal and that the hangar would likely cost more to build than it could be purchased for although a price had not been officially discussed. Member Rester suggested that the airport manager or a representative for the contractor provide weekly updates. Geer said he would make the reports available to the members via email. Chairman McDavid made a motion to approve the airport manager asking the Commissioners Court for a Memorandum of Understanding between Aransas County and Stewart Legacy Group wherein the County makes known its intention to purchase the hangar with ACV money. Seconded by Vice Chair Stiles and passed unanimously.
11. Discuss Takeaways from South Central Chapter of American Association of Airport Executives (SCCAAEE) Conference from the week of 5-16-2022. Mike Geer shared discussions from the conference which included expected robust growth in the electric vehicle areas for both land side and air side. Geer said that charging stations will likely be required for both sides sooner than later. He added that federal grants were discussed for funding those types of projects. Another topic discussed at conference was our nation's airports role

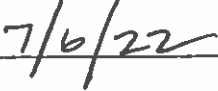
Human Trafficking. Geer told the members that he learned that less than 1% of individuals who are being trafficked in the US were abducted and almost all are US citizens. He said he learned that most victims are transported through airports at some point in the process of their journey into Human Trafficking and that airports are being urged to adopt awareness programs in order to identify key signals such as a domineering individual accompanying a quiet or scared looking person, especially children, one way travelers who are young and packed light, or, someone signing the international signal for "help" which involves showing an open hand followed by folding the thumb across the palm and then closing the fingers over, then repeating. He passed along that Human Trafficking Prevention organizations are trying to standardize this signal so that it becomes more synonymous with Human Trafficking and more recognizable to the public.

12. Item for future Meeting: Discuss hangar lease rates and potential ramp fees.

13. 11:10a A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Stiles, seconded by Chairman McDavid and passed unanimously.



Mike Geer, Secretary



Date

Chairman or Designated Board Member