

Aransas County Airport July 6th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present were Vice Chair Betty Stiles, Rick Smith and Jim Rester. Also in attendance, Commissioner Pat Rousseau, Liaison to the Commissioners Court, Mike Geer, Secretary/Airport Manager, James McNeely of FPS Recovery, Cody Stewart of Stewart Legacy Group LLC and MS Land & Aero, and Jerry Brown. Absent, Members Duane Scheumack and Chairman Travis McDavid.

1. 9:00a Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Stiles.
2. 9:01a Vice Chair Stiles declared a quorum.
3. 9:01a Motion was made by Member Smith to approve the minutes from the June 1st meeting, seconded by Member Rester and passed unanimously.
4. 9:02a Discussion of Open Meetings Acts. Member Smith made a statement to clarify that action item should not be whether or not the board is 'subject' to Texas Open Meetings Act, rather that it should 'comply'. The members agreed to table the item. A motion to table was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Rester and passed unanimously.
5. 9:10a Discussion of a T-Hangar Lease Agreement. A motion to adopt the T-Hangar Lease Agreement Draft as presented contingent on an update of the airport rules and regulations was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Rester and passed unanimously.
6. 9:15a Discussion of FPS Sublease from Stewart Legacy Group for T Hangar. Board members agreed that there needs to be further discussions about whether or not the airport should own the hangars at the end of the lease and where the money would come from to buy it. Airport Manager Mike Geer indicated that storage of building materials was not a "best use" option for any airport hangar as long as a waiting list existed, however Member Smith made the argument that the airport would be in a defensible position to allow building materials to be stored inside the box hangar because it would help solve the bigger problem related to keeping forward construction progress on track. A motion to approve the sublease was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Rester and passed unanimously.
7. 9:15a Discussion of FPS Sublease from MS Land & Aero for Box Hangar. This item was discussed in tandem with the previous agenda item (#6) and was motioned, seconded and passed along with it.
8. 9:30a Discussion of Airport Ramp Fee Structure. Mike Geer presented a fee structure form a neighboring airport as an example of what one might look like. The members asked questions as to how ramp fees would affect business. Contributions from Cody Stewart and Jerry Brown indicated that ramp fees would have a negative impact on transient airplane owners because other airports in our region do not have fees. They cited websites and personal experience. The members asked Mike Geer and he stated that he has always been against ramp fees due to the negative publicity and because fees would only be collected from a few airport users. Geer added that almost all part 135 jet operators are already buying enough fuel to waive a fees and that small airplane owners might avoid KRKP altogether if a fee were assessed, given that our fuel prices tend to be higher than regional average. A motion not to adopt an Airport Ramp Fee Structure was made by member Smith, seconded by Member Rester, and passed unanimously.
9. 9:40a Discussion of proposal from RPA to transfer ownership of the hangars discussed in items #6 and #7 as replacement for Hangars T-6 and Small respectively. Mike Geer suggested that there would be plenty of time in the next year to discuss the merits of the Airport owning the hangars versus Stewart Legacy and MS Land & Aero retaining ownership. Geer suggested that the proposal be workshopped in the next year and that we seek an answer to the question of exactly which bucket of money (ACV or RCV) would be accessed by RPA on behalf of the Airport to purchase the hangar(s). No action was taken.
10. 10:00a Discussion of General Operations. Geer stated that June had been another record month for Jet Fuel sales and part 135 enplanements however Low Lead Fuel sales were off from the previous month however still up from the last 2 Junes. No action was taken.

11. 10:03a Discussion of Financial Statements. Geer explained that cash flow was negative for June due to not receiving a loss of use payment from RPA. He added that it was apparent to him that if the airport were made whole with hangars then the deficit would have been erased easily. No action was taken.
12. 10:04a Discussion of Construction projects. Geer informed the members that no other construction projects other than Hangar Tall have been initiated. Hangar Tall is still on track to be completed in August of 2022 per James McNeely of FPS.
13. 10:05a Discussion of Airport Lighting Issues. Geer informed the members that Rural Electric would be scheduling the final repairs for PAPIs and Photo Cell as soon as the parts arrive at their warehouse. Parts due to ship on July 8th. No action was taken.
14. 10:07a Discussion of Grants. Geer informed the members that KRRP stood a good chance of being included on the Statewide Electrical Project in much the same way we qualified for the pavement project from 2020. He informed the members that the sinkhole project, which will be referred to as "Drainage Repair Project" going forward, is scheduled to enter bid phase in the next month to 45 days. TxDOT and Strand Engineers are currently finalizing the PER Phase. No action was taken.
15. 10:10a Discussion of Item not on Agenda. Member Rester inquired as to the interest level of adding Airport Marketing to the monthly meeting agenda. He discussed involving the EDC and volunteered to work on a bullet statement for the EDC members to consider when discussing how to best market the Airport within their marketing plan for the community. Manager Mike Geer offered to send Member Rester PDF Flyers of Airport Benefits and Economic Impact in an effort to help put the bullet statement together. No action was taken.
16. 10:22a Discuss Items for Future Meeting. Geer suggested that a Marketing Discussion item be included on future agendas. Although no action was taken the members agreed that Marketing should be discussed on future agendas.
17. 10:24a Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Rester and passed unanimously.

Mike Geer, Secretary



Chairman or Designated Board Member

Date