

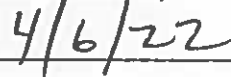
Aransas County Airport March 10th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Members present were Chairman Travis McDavid, Vice Chair Betty Stiles, Jim Rester, and Rick Smith. Also in attendance, Mike Geer, Secretary/Airport Manager, County Judge C.H. "Burt" Mills, and Cody Stewart of ACTS Aviation. Absent, Member Duane Scheumack and Commissioner Pat Rousseau, Liaison to the Commissioners Court
2. 9:01a Meeting called to order by Chairman McDavid.
3. 9:01a Quorum declared by Chairman McDavid.
4. 9:01a A motion was made by Member Smith to accept the minutes from the February 2nd meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Stiles and carried unanimously.
5. 9:02a Discussion of General operations. Airport Manager Geer briefed the board members on public safety and flight operations. Geer noted that there had been no reported runway incursions or safety concerns since the last meeting. Geer added that more jet fuel was sold in February 2022 than in the previous month and more than in any previous February going back to 2014. No action was taken.
6. 9:15a Discussion of Financial Statements. Geer informed the members that the airport cash flow is currently operating at a deficit of \$211,000 due to a couple of very large one time payments which are traditionally paid in January or February. Those payments included \$80,000 for a 2006-2007 Runway Repair Bond and \$95,000 for the airport insurance premium. Geer added that Regional Pool Alliance had written a check the day before for \$144,000 for loss of use revenue replacement. Geer talked about fuel cost trends and how business may be affected for the remainder of 2022 and also that the airport budget for fuel purchasing would likely be insufficient for the whole year due to unprecedented rising prices. No action was taken.
7. 9:25a Discussion of Construction Projects. Geer informed the members that Kathleen Hicks with RPA said that a new contractor would be taking over the construction of Hangar Tall which will be leased by the Highway Patrol. Geer stated that Ms. Hicks said we are close to calling the project 90 days from completion. Geer reported that adjustors would be on site doing some sort of an inspection on Hangar Tall. Chairman McDavid stated that he was told by RPA that it was Architects and not adjustors doing the inspection and that it sounded like it was some sort of an audit inspection by a third party needed in order to restart construction, but that RPA would have to confirm. Member Rester recommended an inspection of all of the work "in place" so that the incoming contractor would be required to remedy any deficiencies as part of his "scope of work". He further recommended that the Inspection Report be included as an Exhibit to the contract. Chairman McDavid replied that that may be the inspection that is being done, but that would need to be confirmed by the airport with RPA. Geer informed the members that the airspace studies, which had been performed 3 years prior when the hangars were projected to be rebuilt, had all expired. Geer noted that an airspace study is only good for 18 months and since no work other than hangars tall and T-5 had been started in that time, then each of the remaining hangars would require a new airspace study. Geer said that airspace studies normally take 4 months or more and that no work can be started until the FAA has had a chance to give a final determination. Geer said it was his belief that since this additional delay was not the fault of the airport or the county and since the delay would ultimately mean the airport's ability to earn income from hangar rental would be hampered, then the insurance company should reimburse the airport for loss of use during the down time while new air space studies were ordered. No action was taken.
8. 9:45a Discussion of Airfield Lighting Repairs. Manager Geer informed the members that since the last meeting Rural Electric had made some major repairs which have restored the Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs) for both Ry 14 and 32, greatly improving flight operational safety. The radio controlled lights are working and the light controller has been correctly programmed which now brings the lights on at the lowest intensity level which is desired and which also saves on electricity. The remaining items are the Precision Approach Path Indicator Lights (PAPIs) for RY 18/36 and the regulator for PAPIs RY 14 are on order and will be installed as soon as they arrive according to Rural Electric. Geer informed the members that the airport's Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) list is shrinking. No action was taken.

9. 9:50a Discussion of Grants. Geer informed the members of major grant projects which will be sought over the next 3 years. They included a new fuel farm in 2023, pavement repairs in the T Hangar parking areas for 2024, and new LED airfield lights in 2026. Geer informed the members that he is also seeking a terminal expansion grant from the recently approved infrastructure bill which could include the fuel farm project as well. No Action was taken.
10. 9:57a Discuss, Approve, or Disapprove a Fly-In Hosted By The Airport For May 28-29. A Motion to approve was made by Vice Chair Stiles, seconded by Chairman McDavid, and carried unanimously. Geer will now take the request to the Commissioners Court on March 28th.
11. 10:00a Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by member Smith, seconded by Chairman McDavid and carried unanimously.



Mike Geer, Secretary



Date

Chairman or Designated Board Member