

MID-WAY REGIONAL AIRPORT JOINT AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mid-Way Regional Airport Joint Airport Board was held on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., in the Administrative Conference Room, at Waxahachie City Hall, 401 S. Rogers St., Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Paula Baucum, Chairman
George Kent, Secretary
Dale Stevenson
Jim Polewchak
Kent McGuire
Gary Richter

Members Absent: Aubrey Price, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Andy Biery, Airport Manager
Tammy Bowen, Airport Operations
Chris Dick, Finance Director, City of Midlothian
Andrew Branca, Reporter, Waxahachie Newspapers

Opening: Chairman Paula Baucum called the meeting to order and Gary Richter gave the invocation.

Board Announcements: Paula Baucum commended Tammy Bowen and Andy Biery for a job well done on the Pancake Breakfast Fly-In. Paula said that she appreciated Tammy's efforts to cut cost and trying to make it as cost effective as possible.

Minutes:

George Kent moved to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2010 as presented; second by Kent McGuire. All Ayes.

Financial Report: A financial report was reviewed by the Board.

Manager's Report: Andy Biery reported:

Airport Operations for the month of May.

Runway Extension : The pre-paving meeting for the runway extension was held today, with concrete paving to begin Wednesday, June 23rd. Paving operations will be from midnight to noon each day, paving approximately 200 cubic yards per hour. The entire concrete paving portion is expected to last about 10 days and then they will move on to begin widening the existing runway.

Replacement Hangar Leases: New hangar leases were mailed to tenants in hangar numbers 1-20, except for those hangars that contain non-airworthy airplanes. Several have been received back completed and all have a deadline of June 30th.

AWOS Ceiling reports: The AWOS stopped reporting ceilings. We received a preliminary report from our servicer (Viasala) to repair. The field tech indicated that potentially three components could be bad, and recommended replacement of all three for a total of \$4,810. Speaking to their office, they could not guarantee that those parts would repair it, but were the most likely and all that could be done in the field. They recommended sending it to their Massachusetts testing and repair facility for full evaluation. We sent it out last week. Preliminary diagnosis indicates several problems with the unit, only one of the components which would have been changed here included. Preliminary estimate for the repair there is \$5,874. This repair is RAMP eligible. We are still negotiating labor charges, which may reduce the bill by \$2,300.

Recommendation from Terminal Subcommittee on ranking bid submissions: Paula Baucum told the Board that the Terminal Renovation Subcommittee met and their tab sheets came in with a tie. Paula said that it will be necessary to go through another process to break the tie, possibly meeting with the top two for an interview. This item was tabled.

Tenant requests to use the taxiway as a runway during Phase 6 of the runway construction: Andy Biery said that there have been several tenants to indicate displeasure with the decision to close the airport runways during phase 6, and not make the taxi-way available as an alternate. Andy said that he discussed this extensively with our Contractor (Austin Bridge and Road), our RPR Steve Williams, KSA Engineers (Jonathan Farmer and Steve Creamer), and TxDOT. KSA and TxDOT have made the decision to allow the use of a portion of the taxiway, as was intended during the previous phasing plan. TxDOT has filed the paperwork with the FAA, and if approved, we will have a temporary VFR daytime only runway of 4150' x 40'. Using the parallel taxiway as a runway will not lengthen the overall construction time or the down time of the existing runway. The cost to convert the taxiway to a temporary runway is included in the bid documents, so no additional pricing funds are needed. Because there would be no additional cost and it would not effect the construction time, the Board was in agreement that the taxiway should be used as a temporary runway, opposed to closing down the Airport during phase 6.

Ennis Airport construction: The Board discussed the progress of the Ennis Airport replacement and the potential impact to Mid-Way Regional Airport. The Board agreed that they need to work on coming up with a list of compelling reasons as to why the federal aviation dollars would be better spent on an existing facility like Mid-Way, rather than spending the money to build a competitive project in Ellis County. The Board agreed that the Economic Development Committee should meet to come up with a plan.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Charles Crist, 1903 Alexander Dr, Waxahachie, TX, registered as a speaker, but did not speak.

Ken Lantz, , 621 Queensway, Grand Prairie, TX, registered as a speaker, but did not speak.

Adjournment: There being no further business,

George Kent moved to adjourn; second by Jim Polewchak. All Ayes.