

MID-WAY REGIONAL AIRPORT JOINT AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mid-Way Regional Airport Joint Airport Board was held on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., in the Rex Odom Conference Room, at Mid-Way Regional Airport, 131 Airport Dr., Midlothian, Texas.

Members Present: David Box, Chairman
 Kyle Ballard, Vice Chairman
 Ray Barksdale, Secretary
 George Kent
 Kent McGuire
 Paula Baucum
 Dennis Lauterbach, Jr

Others Present: Judy Demoney, Airport Manager
 Tammy Bowen, Airport Operations Assistant
 Ken Lantz, FBO Partner, Southern Star Aviation

REGULAR AGENDA

Opening: Chairman David Box called the meeting to order, and Dennis Lauterbach gave the invocation.

Board Announcements: Judy Demoney informed the Board that the Waxahachie Chautauqua will be presenting "Celebrating Flight" on Saturday, September 26, at Getzendaner Park. There will be exhibits, Bessie Coleman reenactments, Birds of Prey Flight demonstrations, speaker Fred Haise (Apollo 13 Astronaut), Mayan dancers, drone demonstrations, panel of WWII pilots, music, and much more. The Society would like to see some kind of a connection between Mid-Way and the event that day. Judy said she was working on trying to get a glider and/or a helicopter out there that day. The Society suggested maybe doing a joint float for the 4th of July parade. Judy said that September 26th will be the 90th anniversary of the day that Bessie Coleman did a fly-over in Waxahachie so she would really like to see something displayed at our Airport in honor of her.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of Meeting held January 2, 2015
- Financial Report
- Manager's Report
- Airport Operation's Report
- FBO Report

George Kent moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; second by Kent McGuire. All Ayes.

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Hangar Project Update: Judy Demoney said that the Cities approved going ahead with the design and construction of all eleven T-hangars. The \$66,000 overage will be paid from the fund balance account. TxDOT and KSA has received our authorization to proceed with the preliminary design phase, which will take six weeks. The plans and specs should be due by March 25th. Construction cannot begin before August.

Aerobatic Contest Update: Judy Demoney told the Board that the Lone Star Aerobatic contest will not happen this year at Mid-Way. Carol Walker with Big Q Aviation had said that they would need to get the FAA to approve an additional 500 feet of airspace in the aerobatic box, but because the process takes so long there is not be enough time to get it done for this year.

Finish out of the upstairs office space: Judy Demoney reminded the Board that two years ago they voted to turn the space upstairs into office space on a tenant finish out basis. No one has shown any interest in the last three years until recently. John Wray, State Representative, had approached us about the possibility of putting his district office here. Judy said that she spoke with TxDOT to see if we could use it for non-aviation Use, and because the space had been empty for so long Bill Gunn with TxDOT agreed. The space is 513 square feet, but we would be keeping 113 square feet for Airport storage. Estimates were obtained to finish out the area. One contractor gave an estimate of \$16,000/\$20,000 with windows. Another contractor gave an estimate of \$45,000. John Wray said that they could not do a tenant finish out, so the City of Waxahachie was contacted about the possibility of using the fund balance account to finish it out ourselves. We were told that this would be a possibility. John Wray ended up taking office space in a professional building up 287 in Waxahachie that was already finished out and would be a little more convenient for his constituents. Judy asked the Board for direction on what to do with the space. The Board agreed it would be best to continue to leave the space as is until there is a need rather than finishing it out now. Someone may want it finished out to meet their specifications.

Public Comments: Judy Demoney wanted to inform the Board that the developer, Diamond J, went to final vote at the Midlothian City Council meeting this week. Their new plan took out the multi-family housing along Rex Odom Drive, but kept in single family housing. The Rule 11 Settlement Agreement says there can be no more than 3.5 houses per acre, so in order for the developer to reach 3,900 lots they had incorporated all 1,169 acres. The City proposed that they net out the flood plain and the lake, which would take it from 1,169 acres to 733 acres. The total number of homes per acre would then be 2,700. The developer said that he would not build it then because he cannot make any money building just 2,700 homes. Judy said that the City rezoned all of the land (50 acres) along Rex Odom Drive up to the creek as light industrial.

Adjournment: There being no further business,

Ray Barksdale moved to adjourn; second by George Kent. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Bowen, Airport Operations Assistant