

MID-WAY REGIONAL AIRPORT JOINT AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mid-Way Regional Airport Joint Airport Board was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., in the Rex Odom Conference Room, at Mid-Way Regional Airport, 131 Airport Dr., Midlothian, Texas.

Members Present: Kyle Ballard, Chairman 4:06 pm
Kent McGuire, Vice Chairman
Ray Barksdale, Secretary
David Box
Randall Porche
Drew Sambell
Alex Smith, 4:50 pm

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Opening: Vice Chairman Kent McGuire called the meeting to order, and Ray Barksdale gave the invocation.

Board Announcements: There were no Board announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of Meeting held January 12, 2017
- Financial Report
- Airport Operation's Report
- FBO Report

David Box moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the Manager's Report over to the Regular Agenda; second by Randall Porche. All Ayes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Manager's Report: Randall Porche asked Judy Demoney about the site visit on February 15 with a potential investor from Red Oak. Judy told the Board that she was contacted by the former Mayor of Red Oak about someone possibly interested in investing. This gentleman came to visit, and several development opportunities were discussed, Judy said the visit was mainly about seeing the Airport, and added his name to our hangar waiting list.

Catering Proposal from Boy Scout Troop 524: Tammy Bowen explained that the proposal that Boy Scout Troop 524 is presenting is very similar to the one that they presented two years ago except that they would like a three year commitment. The reason for the three year commitment is because the gentleman that owns the griddle is no longer involved with the Troop and would like to sell it. Tammy said that she was contacted by one of the parents to find out where the Airport was at in regards to the griddle. Tammy said that the Airport is not in the position to purchase the griddle this year as it is not in the budget. He said that they were already discussing other ways that the Troop could use the griddle and were considering purchasing it themselves if they could get a three year commitment. Judy said that she and Tammy discussed the possibilities of things that could happen if the Airport owned the griddle, and felt that it is best not to own it.

Drew Sambell moved to approve the catering proposal from Boy Scout Troop 524 as presented; second by Ray Barksdale. All Ayes.

Hangar Construction Update: The Midlothian Fire Marshal stopped by to take a look at the progress of the hangar construction project. He said that by City code anything over 150 feet would require a turnaround/access area for the fire trucks. The Fire Marshal said that although he had approved the plans it was missed and it must be corrected. Judy said that she spoke to Chris Dick and he said that it would not be necessary to have 7 inches for the fire lane. The fire lane can be 6 inches as scheduled. There was a construction meeting with the contractor, KSA Engineering, Midlothian Fire Marshal and the TxDOT Project Manager. The Fire Department wanted an entrance off of Airport Drive, but TxDOT said that it would be at the Airport's expense since it is local code. Judy said that putting it there would also limit future development. The next option was to widen the employee parking lane by connecting it to the RAMP. TxDOT said that since it would require only a small amount of concrete that they could probably handle it. However, there is a water line that would need to be encased. The contractor ended up submitting a change order for \$14,300 and a time extension of twelve calendar days. It was sent to TxDOT, and we are now awaiting approval.

The confirmed delivery date for the pre-engineered hangars is March 23rd.

TxDOT Funding Update: The ATAC Committee met with Jeff Austin, TxDOT Commissioner from Tyler. He was very receptive. He asked that they give him and Commissioner Vandergriff the opportunity to work on the issue. Three days later they were contacted by Marc Williams, Executive Deputy Director of TxDOT. He called to set up a meeting with the group. Judy said that it was a good meeting and seemed that everyone understood the issues and the fact that they are not rebels. In addition the Committee addressed the need for more State funding.

Longbranch Estates Development: Judy Demoney said that she read in the Daily Light about the county approval of Longbranch Estates, which will consist of 40 residential acre lots adjacent to the East side of our runway safety zone property line. Judy said that she inquired about it, and some information was sent. The property is adjacent to the boundaries of Midlothian, and subject to either a future 3-year annexation or ETJ swap with Waxahachie. The Texas local government code says that the largest City should have the platting authority, but Waxahachie ceded it to Midlothian. It went to the Midlothian P&Z Commission. There were no comments from Waxahachie, so it was approved on September 20, 2016. The County approved it last week, so it is a done deal. The Board agreed that it was disappointing that the Airport was not notified by the City. At one time the Board reached out to the Cities, and asked that they be notified of any possible developments around the Airport. Ken Lantz said that the development will be in the middle of the most used flight pattern with noise from helicopters, jets and other aircraft traffic. Judy said that another concern of hers is the safety of the residents.

Board Committee Appointments: Chairman Kyle Ballard appointed Board members to Committees as follows:

Tenant Relations – Randal Porsche (Chair), Kent McGuire, and Drew Sambell
Finance – Ray Barksdale (Chair), Alex Smith and Kyle Ballard
Economic Development – David Box (Chair), Kyle Ballard, and Drew Sambell

Other Business: Drew Sambell informed the Board of a program that AOPA is rolling out trying to revitalize aviation by getting rusty pilots flying again. AOPA has a tool kit on how an Airport can host a seminar, or start a flying club. They are also trying to get more Airports to offer STEM education that is aviation based. Drew volunteered to initiate more conversation with an AOPA representative to do a Rusty Pilot Seminar after the Pancake Breakfast Fly-In in June.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: There being no further business,

Kyle Ballard moved to adjourn; second by Drew Sambell. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Bowen, Airport Operations