

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
December 8, 2016
10:00 AM

Members Present: Harry Lange, Bill Champion, Jim Woods, Nancy McMichael, Amanda Hill, Jayson Johnston, Randy Dowling. Absent: Lynda Dawson. Also in attendance: Andy Kober, news reporter and volunteer firefighter; Jimmy Carver, EMS Director; Jim Trott, Pine Mountain Mayor.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2016, was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Champion, and passed unanimously.
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Fuel Sales.** Mr. Champion said that fuel sales were good due to the weather we've been having.
 - B. **AV Gas Truck.** Mr. Champion said that the need for an AV gas truck is urgent. Discussion included that such a vehicle is no longer available through military surplus; that a truck should cost about \$45,000, hold 1,200 gallons, and should be included in the budget.
 - C. **Terminal Maintenance.** Mr. Champion said that the terminal building needs sprucing up, possibly before spring, to include painting, carpet, tile, wainscot on lower half of windows, and sealing around windows and doors. Mrs. McMichael suggested that Mr. Champion contact Jamie Webb, with Facilities Maintenance, regarding these needs.
 - D. **Hangars.** Mr. Champion reported that he has rented one hangar, which leaves another for rent, one for transient use, and one corporate hangar. He also said that he will be putting a heater in Hangar #5 to keep water pipes from freezing. He also suggested that in order to lease out the remaining corporate hangar that we need to come up with something to attract people to that particular hangar to include its proximity to the interstate.
 - E. **Lease Agreement Rewording.** Mr. Champion said that he would like to reword the hangar lease agreements. Mrs. McMichael suggested that Mr. Champion get with her regarding such changes.
 - F. **Fly-In.** Mr. Champion said that he wants to get in touch with Callaway Gardens about having package deals for any upcoming fly-ins.
 - G. **Hangar Locks.** Mr. Champion said that due to delays with Facilities Maintenance, Ben Baker ended up purchasing and replacing the lock on his hangar, but that Facilities Maintenance was able to replace the lock on the other corporate hangar.
 - H. **FAA.** Mr. Champion said that the FAA will be adding another small building and possibly a 40' antenna, but they just put in a new one three years ago.
 - I. **Runway Lights.** Mr. Champion said that the lights still not working.
 - J. **Stormwater Pond.** Mr. Champion said that the stormwater pond is not draining as fast as it should.
 - K. **Ramp.** Mr. Champion said that the ramp in front of Hangar 5 still had depression in it and water is accumulating. He said that Alexander Contracting was to take care of it, but have not come back to do so. Ms. Hill will contact Alexander about this issue.

- L. **Taxiway Lights**. Mr. Champion said the lights are doing well; that they had to replace a few, and that bulbs need to be on hand so that the contractor won't have to be called back. Ms. Hill said that she thought the bulbs had been provided and will check on same. Mr. Champion said that bulbs cost about \$150 to \$175.
 - M. **Out of Office**. Mr. Champion said that he will be out of town the 19th through the 23rd.
 - N. **Jet Size**. Mr. Champion said that the recent issue of AOPA Pilot Magazine has an article regarding a popular jet that requires slightly more runway that we currently have, and because the runway is short, we lose business.
 - O. **Taxiway Relocation & Grassing**. Ms. Hill said that the grassing is not yet in place, and probably won't be until spring.
 - P. **CIP**. Ms. Hill said that the CIP has been submitted to GDOT.
 - Q. **Projects**. Still working on pricing for projects to include fencing and hydrology on 19 acres, and should have them finished soon.
 - R. **Berlin Air Drop**. Discussion included that planning is needed but for doing such in 2018; that they usually want 800 to 1,000 gallons of fuel, steps, APU unit, and accommodations; and that the cost will be approximately \$2,500 to \$2,800.
 - S. **Aviation & Education**. Mr. Champion said that there is a shortage of pilots worldwide of about 60,000; that he would like to see classes offered at/through the high school to possibly get young people interested in being pilots; that training schools are expensive - about \$90,000 a year for four years; that Delta is hiring people as students and sending them for training; that 95% of the students of an aviation school in Newnan are from China and once trained, they go back to China. Mr. Johnston said that he would be happy to help facilitate conversations with the School Superintendent.
 - T. **Open House**. Mr. Johnston said that he would like to see more involvement from the committee for the next Open House so that it is a Chamber and County event; and that maybe the event should be on a Saturday.
 - U. **Website**. Mr. Dowling said that he is working on improving the County's website.
4. **NEXT MEETING**. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, at 10:00 AM.
 5. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lange adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

Minutes approved _____ by a vote of ____ to ____.