

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

September 14, 2011

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Gill, Chairman, Woody Gilliland, Vice Chairman, Kirk Thaxton, Stan Egger, Jim Leonard, Michael Redden, David Lynn, Joe Crowder, Myrna Grigsby

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jimi Coplen, Cindy Haley

AIRPORT STAFF: Don Green, Chris Taylor, Melissa Murphy, Alex Cargile

CITY EMPLOYEES:

VISITORS: Claude Milton, TSA

REGULAR SESSION

1. Call to order.

Mr. Gill called the Airport Development Board meeting to order at 3:36 pm.

2. Introduce visitors

Mr. Claude Milton with the TSA was introduced.

3. Consideration and Action approving minutes of the August 2011 meeting

Mr. Gill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the August 2011 meeting. Hearing none, the August 2011 meeting minutes stood approved as distributed.

4. Facilities and Planning Sub Committee Report

Mr. Gilliland presented the Facilities and Planning report. The Air Traffic Control Tower is still on track, despite the FAA shutdown. The completion date is still March 2012. The Runway 35R ILS installation is in the "Flight Check" mode. The Taxiway C project will be started soon. There is potential for the addition of a new hangar by a private party. The Together 2011 event was successful with the unveiling of the Derryberry airplane.

5. Economic Development Report

There was not an Economic Development Report at this time.

6. TSA Presentation

Mr. Milton presented information about the TSA and upcoming projects. On the tenth anniversary of 9/11/01, TSA increased the presence of security. TSA recently upgraded their equipment with new metal detectors and baggage screening technology. The TSA is slated to add the AIT X-ray system for carry on items in the near future. The footprint for the new systems should be smaller as the technology develops. The airport is unlikely to receive the Back Scatter system in the next 3-4 years. The next system to arrive in Abilene will be the Vault Liquid Scanner (VLS), which will be able to check liquids with lasers. The TSA has instituted a new screening process for children 12 and under. Screening procedures for older passengers have not changed. Mr. Milton emphasized that the TSA does not only protect airplanes, but also acts on intelligence for varied types of threats.

7. **Airport Management Report:**

a. **Review and Acknowledgement of Statistical Reports**

Allegiant was unable to report enplanement as of the time of this report. American Eagle shows an 8% increase over last year with total enplanements up 11% for the entire year. The Texas Forest Service has flown 2,700 employees out of Abilene from January to July 2011. This accounts for about 7% of the 10% increase during this time. Parking lot revenue is up 5.5% for the year with rental cars up 27% for the year. The Texas Forest Service like having a tanker base in Abilene.

b. **Regulatory and Legislative Issues Update**

There is a bill going through the House and Senate to extend the authority of the FAA through January 2012.

c. **Budget Update**

Abilene sales tax was up 21% over last year. City council passed the budget with little to no cuts.

d. **TRACON Consolidation**

Currently the TRACON project is slated to move forward. The City with the aid of Congressman Neugebauer's office is requesting a DOT Inspector General investigation into the TRACON consolidation.

e. **Update on Current Projects –**

Airfield Lighting Control System/Beacon Replacement – The airport construction side is almost complete.

New Control Tower – The FAA Anticipates at most 1 month delay.

Wildlife Hazard Assessment – There have been few major issues. The final report will be in November.

Snow Removal Equipment Building – Currently being redesigned to reduce the cost.

Projects in design – Taxiway EASI and Taxiway C and Connectors.

f. **Air Service and Business Development Update – Upcoming events**

The ACU Communications class has started work on a marketing project for the airport. The class will deliver their presentation in December. The airport attended the Brownwood Business Showcase discussing fares and promoting the airport. American Eagle will be doing a Susan G Coleman event at the airport on October 5th. Mr. Mike Alley has announced that the American Eagle 5:50 departure will be going to 4 days a week, instead of the current 7 days a week. This will start in November. The pricing guide shows that American Eagle prices have become more competitive with neighboring airports.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to Govt. Code Section 551.072, a governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. Additionally, Section 551.087 allows a governmental body to discuss or deliberate on commercial or financial information that has been received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which there may be ongoing negotiations or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. Further, Section 551.071 provides that a governmental body may seek advice from its attorney regarding a pending or contemplated litigation subject, settlement offer, or attorney-client privileged information. After discussion in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

The Executive session started at 4:18pm and ended at 4:36pm with no decisions being made.

8. Consideration and Action to recommend approval of URS Task Order 25

URS Task Order 25 will fund the design plan for Taxiway Reconstruction M, N & P. This project will be performed under FAA Grant 41. Task Order 25 has a total value of \$212,441.

Motion to accept made by Mr. Thaxton and Seconded by Mr. Leonard. Motion passed

9. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 4:44 pm made by Mr. Redden. Seconded by Mr. Crowder. Motion passed.

Signature of Chairman to confirm minutes: _____ Date: _____