

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

December 12, 2012

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Gill, Chairman, Woody Gilliland, Vice Chairman, Cindy Haley, Michael Redden, David Lynn, Stan Egger, Gray Bridwell, Myrna Grigsby

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacque McCoy, Kirk Thaxton, Joe Crowder

AIRPORT STAFF: Don Green, Chris Taylor

CITY EMPLOYEES: Daniel Santee, City Attorney

VISITORS: Paul Cristina, Kimley-Horn, Rusty Emmons, Rockin RE' Gift Shop

1. Call to order

Mr. Gill called the Airport Development Board meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

2. Introduce visitors

Mr. Green introduced Mr. Paul Cristina with Kimley-Horn.

3. Consideration and Action approving minutes of the November 2012 meetings

Mr. Gill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the November 2012 meeting. Hearing none, the November 2012 meeting minutes stood approved as distributed.

4. Facilities and Planning Sub Committee Report

Mr. Gilliland presented the Facilities and Planning report. The TSTC flight school has approached the airport looking to build a hangar. They hope to add and shelter more aircraft. TSTC would like the city to build the hangar and lease it to them. TxDOT has a program that will give a non-primary airport up to \$150,000 a year, which can be banked for up to 5 years to build t-hangars for lease. Abilene is a primary airport so it does not specifically fit, however Mr. Green is seeking details. This grant is a 90/10 TxDOT/City split.

The current projects underway are the Snow Removal Building at 45% complete. The Taxiway C and Perimeter road project is approximately 50% complete. The Taxiway EASI project is complete. Runway 17R has been closed since July. The paving on Taxiway C connectors between 17R failed a quality assurance test. It failed to a degree where it will have to be torn out and repaved. This may have been caused by application and/or weather issues at the time of paving. This repair work is the responsibility of the contractor and will not add additional costs.

5. Economic Development Report

Eagle Aviation is looking for additional work after EASI is spun off of AMR. Hangar 0's modification should be open August 1, 2013 to give EASI additional marketability.

6. Airport Management Report:

a. AMR Bankruptcy

The AMR pilots ratified a contract with AMR. This will give them some stability. There was an issue with a Scope Clause, which restricted the type of aircraft that can be used on a route. The Scope Clause has been reduced in the new contract to allow for more flexibility.

b. Review and Acknowledgement of Statistical Reports

This item is not available. It will be reported in the January report.

c. Regulatory and Legislative Issues Update

There is worry of the "Fiscal Cliff". However, the AIP program is exempt from any legislative changes. If there are layoffs at the FAA the airport district office may see a slowdown in application processing.

d. TRACON Consolidation

The airport is currently waiting for the Inspector General report.

e. Update on Current Projects

Taxiway C Reconstruction – 50% complete.

Taxiway EASI Reconstruction – Complete.

SRE Building – Roof installed.

Zee Jet Ramp Rehab – Estimated to take about 3 weeks.

Wildlife Hazard Management Plan – At the FAA for review.

Upper Level Driveway – Added flowers and pots.

Projects in design- Taxiway M, N, P and Changes

f. Air Service and Business Development Update

A new flight will be added February 14th, making a total of 8 flights per day. This flight will be operated by Express Jet and will bear American Airlines colors and insignia.

7. Consideration and Action to recommend approval of Task Order 31 with URS.

The city has the FY13 grant match budgeted for AIP projects. The city can go ahead and fund this task order and be reimbursed on a later grant. The cost associated with this project is \$90,880.

Motion to accept made by Mr. Gilliland and Seconded by Mr. Bridwell. Motion passed

8. Consideration and Action to approve rent abatement for Rockin' RE gift shop.

The gift shop has operated at the airport for 2 years. They have requested an additional year of rent abatement. Sales are down for the year 33%.

Motion to accept made by Mr. Redden and Seconded by Ms. Haley. Motion passed

9. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 4:02 pm made by Mr. Lynn. Seconded by Mr. Gilliland. Motion passed.

Signature of Chairman to confirm minutes: _____ Date: _____