

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

April 9, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Gill, Chairman, Woody Gilliland, Vice Chairman, Joe Crowder, Cindy Haley, Kirk Thaxton, Michael Redden, David Lynn, Tammy Virden, Gray Bridwell, Stan Egger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Myrna Grigsby

AIRPORT STAFF: Don Green, Chris Taylor, Alex Cargile, Kate Alvarez

CITY EMPLOYEES: Dan Santee, City Attorney

VISITORS: Jason Smith, Chamber of Commerce President

1. Call to order

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

2. Introduce New Member, Tammie Virden and visitors

Mr. Green

3. Consideration and Action approving minutes of the March 2014 meeting.

Mr. Gill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 2014 meeting. Hearing none, the March 2014 meeting minutes stood approved as distributed.

4. Finance and Operations Sub-Committee Report

Mr. Lynn presented the Finance and Operations report. The sub-committee reviewed the budget for the first half of the year. Overall the airport is within the budget. The chemical supplies budget is expended, but most of those supplies are used during the winter. With the freezing mostly over, there shouldn't be too many more chemical expenses. The budget for professional services is a little high due to hiring the PFC Consultant, but the overall budget will be adjusted to correct for this.

5. Airport Management Report:

a. AMR Bankruptcy/Merger

The Envoy pilots have voted on the new contract. 70% of the pilots rejected the contract. Then Envoy pilots will no longer have a job in 3 years. It is possible that the pilots and American can come to an agreement within those years. The aircraft ordered by American will go to other airlines, which will fly under the American Eagle name. The 60 initial orders will begin to come in 2015.

American Airlines has changed its frequent flier system and changed baggage requirements. These changes come into place the 9th of April.

b. Review and Acknowledgement of Statistical Reports

American Eagle enplanements are up 18% for the month and 24% for the full year. Overall enplanements are up 22% for the year. Parking revenue is up 23% for the month. Hertz is up 88.7% for the month of March due to consolidating the in town location to the airport.

c. Regulatory and Legislative Issues Update

There were no updates.

d. TRACON Consolidation

The official stakeholder meeting took place April 7th. The meeting went well, looking at the various options. The FAA took a neutral position on the options for consolidation. The main concern is Dyess and their approaches. Dyess presented a comprehensive fact-based report regarding their needs during this meeting. The FAA is looking at multiple consolidations during this review process. The report will go to the House Aviation Sub-Committee, who will either endorse the FAA's recommendations or modify and return the report to the FAA. Cost is a major factor in this new review, but they will also consider qualitative issues as well.

e. Update on Current Projects –

Taxiways M, N and P Reconstruction – 40% complete

Parking Lot Repair – Engineers are monitoring and testing to find out the best way of repair and stabilization.

Tower Demo – Will begin work in the week of April 14th.

Runway 17L/35R – Design is complete and going to bid in May.

Runway 17R/35L - Engineers are testing to initiate the design process.

PFC – The new PFC application will go to City Council April 10. PFC funds go toward matching the federal grant funds. This amount is currently 10% of the total project cost, with the FAA paying the other 90%.

Entrance Landscaping – Masterscapes is evaluating the best options for appearance on the design.

Projects in design -

f. Air Service and Business Development Update

The ABI-VIP Program has 53 new members. The website for the rewards program is being redesigned. The airport was at the Business Expo. It was a good experience, especially speaking with businesses that fly out of Abilene.

The airport is in the process of adding a charging station for cell phones in the secure area. This station will have 4 power outlets for telephones to charge.

There are updates on the restaurant's beer and wine permit.

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.

No executive session took place during this meeting.

6. Consideration and Action to recommend approval of a lease with DCOA for a Proposed Aircraft Storage Area.

This item was pulled from the Agenda

7. Consideration and Action to release Air Methods from its ground lease prior to term expiration.

Air Methods wishes to close their base at the airport due to competition. They gave notice that their last day of operation is June 1st. They are currently in a 15 year land lease agreement with the airport. The airport negotiated a proposal to acquire 50% of the remaining rent, in exchange for releasing Air Methods from their contract. This amount comes to \$13,526.

Motion to accept recommendation made by Mr. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Gilliland. Motion approved.

8. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 4:13 pm made by Ms. Haley. Seconded by Mr. Lynn. Motion passed.

Signature of Chairman to confirm minutes: _____ Date: _____