

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

February 17, 2016

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Gill, Chairman, Woody Gilliland, Vice Chairman, Joe Crowder, Stan Egger, Mary Lee Brooks, Cindy Ramsey, David Lynn, Tammy Virden, Gray Bridwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kirk Thaxton, Michael Redden

AIRPORT STAFF: Don Green, Chris Taylor, Kate Alvarez

CITY EMPLOYEES: Stan Smith, City Attorney's Office

VISITORS:

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm

2. Introduce visitors

3. Consideration and Action approving minutes of the December 2015 meeting

Mr. Gill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of December 2015 meeting. The date at the top of the minutes was incorrect. Upon correction of the date, minutes stand approved.

4. Airport Management Report:

a. Review and Acknowledgement of Statistical Reports

Enplanements are down 10% for the calendar year. Enplanement numbers are still decreasing as they have over the last year. Airlines aren't reducing prices due to lower fuel costs in Abilene. The pricing guide shows that Abilene flights are on average below Midland for this month, however DFW prices are lower.

b. Regulatory and Legislative Issues Update

The FAA reauthorization is being discussed in Congress. There is a proposal that air traffic control become privatized. This proposal may delay reauthorization. There may be short reauthorization periods instead of full year.

The City is looking at an ordinance for transportation network companies like Uber. The second reading of this ordinance will include a public meeting at City Council.

- c. Update on Current Projects –
Terminal Roof Repair is underway.
Runway 17R/35L – 12% complete.
Entrance Landscaping – Mr. Green met with Mr. Robert Hannah, City Manager. The City is comfortable now with the levels of Fort Phantom Lake. The plan is ready to go.
Consolidated Rental Car Service Center – Currently in the planning phase.
The Runway Beacon will be put on display along with plaques from the first Abilene airport.

- d. Air Service and Business Development Update

San Angelo has a Small Community Air Service Development Grant and is in the process of using it to gain service from a small aircraft airline. The aircraft they use are Cessna Caravans turboprops for 9 passengers. Initially this will be a direct flight to Houston. If this company wishes to come to Abilene, there is a new airline incentive plan available, however that does not include SCASD funds. Currently this airline is not certified. American Airlines is starting a program to provide basic customer service training.

The pricing report does not compare to other markets due to differing circumstances. Envoy pulled data for multiple statistics that Mrs. Alvarez presented to the Board.

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.

Executive Session was entered into at 4:10pm and exited at 4:39pm with no decisions being made.

5. Consideration and Action to Amend Lease with Moose's Airport Café

Proposal to amend the lease retracting the \$200/mo operating fee. This would be backdated to January 1st.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Mr. Egger. Motion Approved.

6. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 4:35 pm made by Mr. Crowder. Seconded by Mr. Egger. Motion passed.

Signature of Chairman to confirm minutes: Lawrence J. Hill Date: _____