

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

December 11, 2019

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Gill, Chairman, Woody Gilliland, Vice Chairman, Joe Crowder, Jordan Hibbs, Cindy Ramsey, Randy Williams, Gray Bridwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Keane, Courtney Queen, Kirk Thaxton

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

CITY EMPLOYEES: Stanley Smith, City Attorney

VISITORS: Donna Albus, Abilene City Council, Joe Crawford and Lynn Beard, Abilene Aero

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Consideration and Action approving minutes of the November 2019 meeting

Mr. Gill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for the November 2019 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Ms. Haley, seconded by Mr. Gilliland. Motion passed.

4. Agenda Items:

1. Airport Management Report:

a. Review and acknowledgement of Statistical Reports

This item was not available for this meeting. Envoy is in the middle of a leadership transition, so vital statistics are unavailable.

b. Regulatory and legislative issues update

The Defense Authorization Bill is going through Congress. In the draft bill, there was a change that would cause the foam powder used in ARFF operations to be unusable. This is because there is a compound that can seep into ground water which has links to cancer. This foam change was pulled from the final bill, which allows the Defense Department to continue to use it. Airports are worried that this change would mean less effective foam would have to be used necessitating larger ARFF vehicles. The FAA has authorized another 10 ft to be added to the new ARFF Building Bay to allow for this change.

2. Update on current projects:

Master Plan – The Master Plan is to be presented to City Council at the January evening meeting.

New Fire Station Improvements Design – 60% Design submitted to Planning and Development by December with Corgan Engineering.

SCASD Program – In the Air Service Development section.

Land Use Planning – Completed the Advisory Aerospace portion of the project.

Airport Terminal Updates – The design choices have been made. Currently working with Legal and Purchasing to determine purchasing requirements.

c. Air Service Development

The SCASD Grant awards have not been announced yet. There may be an announcement after the first of the year. Ticket prices still show about a \$200 gap between ABI and DFW at 30 days out. The Airport is doing seasonal advertising.

3. Committee Reports

- **Facilities & Planning Subcommittee**
- **Marketing & Development Subcommittee** – No items to report.

5. Airfield Tour

The board took a break from 3:17 pm to 3:34 pm when the bus arrived. Board, Staff and Visitors Toured Airfield.

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. Additionally, Section 551.076 provides that a governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit. After discussion in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

No executive session took place.

6. Adjournment

Board adjourned at 4:32 pm at the end of the tour.

Signature of Chairman to confirm minutes:  Date: 9/9/20