

Minutes
of the
Montgomery County Airport Advisory Board
meeting held August 10, 2015

Members in Attendance:

Howard Kravetz, Chairman
Bill Wingo
Mickey Deison
Randy Martin
Barkley Spikes
Gary Yount

Members Absent:

Jacques Verron

Staff:

Scott Smith, Airport Director
Mary Wilson, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Dan Brouse, AOPA
Ryan Morris, County Attorney's Office
Steve and Debbie Ratcliff, Ratcliff Hangar Complex
Becky Lutte
Robert Wright
Miguel Cara
Brandon Ray

There being a quorum present the meeting came to order at 4:30 pm.

1. Consider approval of the April 13, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Deison made the motion to approve the April 13, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the April 28, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Wingo seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the June 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Yount seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2. Citizen/Tenant Comments. None
3. Review and discussion: Airport name change. Chairman Kravetz stated that it appears the airport in Porter have made contact with county officials stating they have issues with the proposed airport name change. Mr. Smith advised that Commissioners Court signed a resolution authorizing the name change to Conroe-North Houston Regional Airport but since then the county has been advised that North Houston Airport, which is formerly known as Williams Airport, has an objection to the county using North Houston in the name. Mr. Smith deferred the matter to the board for their discussion and asked for their recommendation to take back to Commissioners Court.

Chairman Kravetz stated that the names are similar and the airports are close in proximity but does not feel there is an issue. Mr. Wingo stated he had a concern with the name similarity because he feels that it may create a safety issue if a pilot was confused as to which airport he was landing. Mr. Wingo suggested Conroe-Houston Regional Airport. Mr. Deison stated he does not feel there is a legal issue with the proposed name but does recognize the issue with identification and would not want to confuse pilots. Mr. Deison agreed with Mr. Wingo's suggestion of Conroe-Houston Regional Airport. Mr. Martin stated his concern is that since the name change process is so lengthy if there are legal issues with the name change the process will have to start all over again. Mr. Spikes stated he would like to see "north" remain in the name because helps direct pilots where the airport is located in relation to Houston.

After discussions with the board and with those in attendance, Mr. Deison made the motion to move forward with the resolution to change the name to Conroe-North Houston Regional Airport which was approved by Commissioners court, but allow Scott Smith to obtain documentation from the FAA stating they see no issue with the proposed name. Mr. Yount seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Airport Update. Mr. Smith presented the board with the August updates. Those updates are attached and made a part of these minutes.
5. Other Matters. Mr. Brouse stated there will be a town hall meeting with Congressman Kevin Brady at Galaxy on November 12, 2015.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

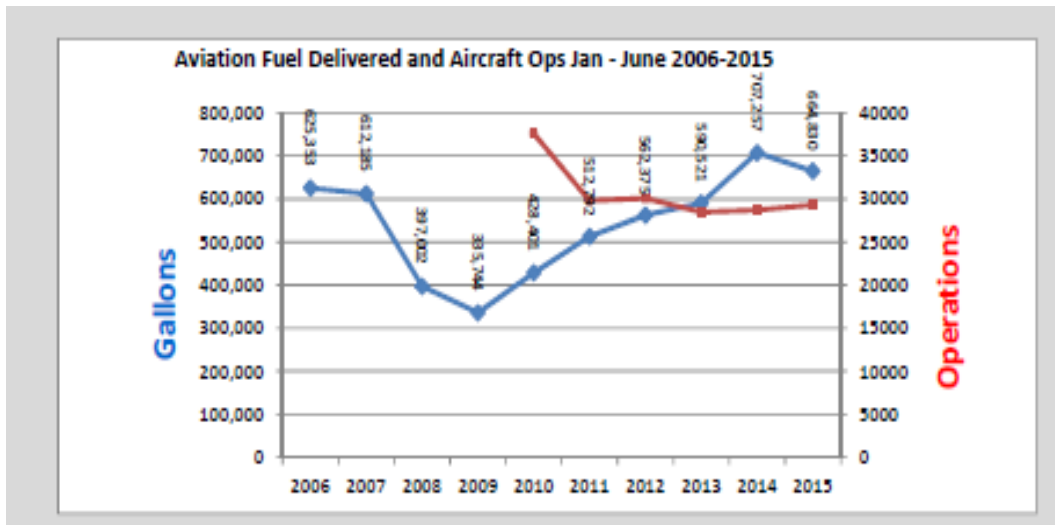
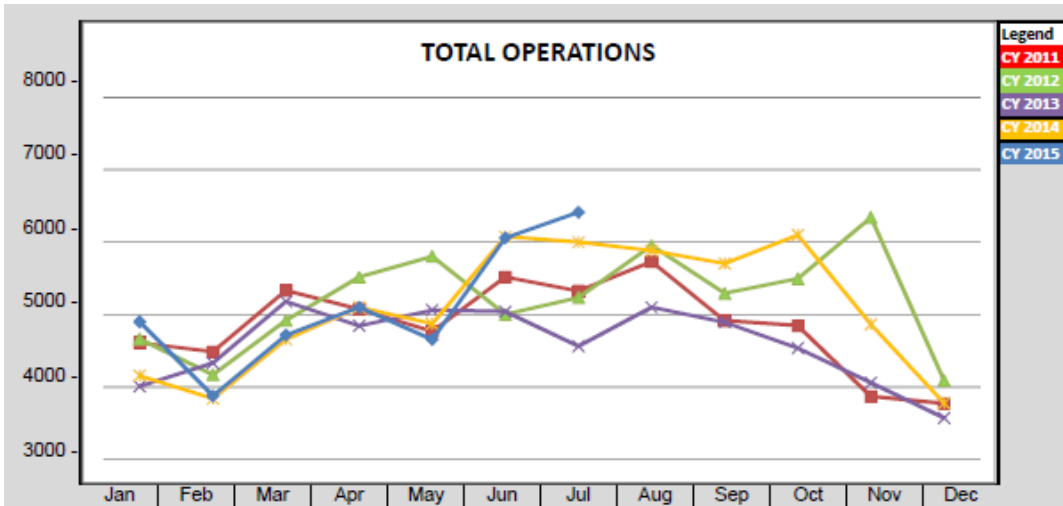
Howard Kravetz
Chairman

Mary Wilson
Secretary

Update (August 2015)

Air Traffic Numbers, Tower Operation

- 2015 Operations Counts: July 6,414
 - CAL YTD: Local ops 45% Itinerant 55%, IFR 18%
 - CAL YTD vs. 2014: Total Ops +3% Local +2% Itinerant +4%
 - CAL YTD vs. 2013: Total Ops +8% Local +18% Itinerant +1%



RW 14-32 Extension

- Three “punch list” items remain, to be completed over next few weeks

Other Airport Projects

- Re-surfacing of Military Drive, lower Carl Pickering, completed, marking has been ordered
- U.S. Customs Facility – Construction to start in late August
- Wash pad – initial site work will be done by Pct. 1
- Texas Air Shuttle estimated commencement of operations: Part 135 charter October, commuter service November
- HBC Hangars (Taxiway J) – new site plan approved
- RFP for 1.764 acre parcel along Taxiway J – to be advertised soon

CALENDAR:

Airport Advisory Board Meeting Monday, September 14, 1630 hours

Texas Aviation Association “Lone Star Skies” Aviation Safety Day and Fly-in, Saturday, October 17th, 0800-1200

Challenge Air Day Saturday, November 7th