Minutes

of the

Conroe North Houston Regional Airport Advisory Board meeting held January 14, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Bill Wingo, Chairman

Kate Laukien

Randy Martin

Barkley Spikes

Gil Staley

Gary Yount

Staff:

James Brown, Airport Director Mary Wilson, Board Secretary

Others in Attendance:

John McKinney, Assistant County Attorney

Al Waldo

Becky Lutte

Robert Wright

Tom Mayes

Marci Mayes

Polly Mayes

Ed Bruno

Bryan Luther

Brandon Ray

Mike Barksdale

Mike Barksdale Jr.

Steve and Debbie Ratcliff

Oscar Lopez

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

- 1. Consider approval of the September 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Yount seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- 2. Citizen/Tenant Comments. Steve Ratcliff introduced his new tenant, Oscar Lopez with Aviation X Interiors. Mr. Lopez stated his family moved from California to relocate his aircraft interior business. Mr. Lopez advised he has been at CXO for one month and has completed two projects.

- 3. Pilots Choice Awards. Mr. Brown announced the results of the Pilot's Choice Awards. Mr. Brown advised our airport was in the top 5 in every category. Galaxy at number 5 as best FBO in the nation, the tower at number 3 as best tower in the nation and the US Customs facility at number 5. Mr. Brown thanked all those involved and advised he is working on a press release to include the Pilot's Choice Awards.
- 4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the calendar year 2019. Mr. Martin made the motion to reelect Bill Wingo as Chairman. Mr. Yount seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Wingo made the motion to re-elect Gary Yount as Vice-Chair. Mr. Martin seconded the motion carried.
- 5. Economic Impact Study. Mr. Brown advised that TxDOT has released their most recent Economic Impact Study. Mr. Brown explained this is a third party study on all Texas airports in the system. With information obtained from each airport, the study reflects direct and indirect impact on the community. This study is a good tool to reflect how the airport effects the local economy and how each operation creates commerce in the local community. The study shows that the airport does not just benefit the flying community but the community as a whole.

Mr. Yount asked about new business relocating to the airport or the Deison Tech Park. Mr. Brown stated the City of Conroe conducts the negotiations for property in the Deison Tech Park and he is not usually included in those negotiations. When a new business looks at relocating to the airport, unless they are looking for land to build, they normally contact one of the FBOs instead of his office and these companies normally prefer their presence to be low key. Mr. Brown stated that in review the most recent airport numbers, such as fuel and operations, the increase in these numbers indicate there are more businesses utilizing the airport and those businesses based at the airport now, are flying more.

- 6. Airport Update. Mr. Brown presented the board with the January 2019 airport updates. Those updates are attached and made a part of these minutes.
- 7. Other Matters.

There being no further bus motion and the meeting ac		de the motion to adjourn. Mr. Spikes second	ded the
Bill Wingo, Chairman	Date	Mary Wilson, Board Secretary	Date