

Minutes
of the
Montgomery County Airport Advisory Board
meeting held July 10, 2017

Members in Attendance:

Howard Kravetz, Chairman
Randy Martin
Barkley Spikes
Gary Yount

Members Absent:

Kate Laukien
Bill Wingo

Staff:

Scott Smith, Airport Director
James Brown, Assistant Airport Director
Mary Wilson, Board Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Vickie Croston
Jack Huddleston
Al Waldo
Tom Lowery
Rick Paige
Bob Wright
Paul Carper
Marla Aiello
Bryan Luther
Stuart Jackson
Becky Lutte
Mike Barksdale
Mike Barksdale Jr.
Brandon Ray
Eric Pfeifer

There being a quorum present the meeting came to order at 4:34 pm.

1. Consider approval of the July 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the July 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Barkley seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Citizen/Tenant Comments. Bob Wright stated he noticed there are several board members missing again today. Mr. Wright reminded the board there are several in the community who would like to serve as board members and would be willing to attend all meetings. Mr. Kravetz stated he was aware of one member being on vacation.
3. Review, discuss and recommend action regarding the June 12, 2017 ModAero letter to the Airport Advisory Board. Chairman Kravetz stated he has received a letter from ModAero requesting the board to approve a reschedule date for the ModAero event. Chairman Kravetz turned the matter over to the board members for discussion. Mr. Martin stated he did not feel any need to discuss the matter. Mr. Martin stated that he (ModAero) has shown the board what he (ModAero) is able to do and not able to do and has embarrassed the board not once, but twice. Mr. Martin made the motion to not approve the request by ModAero to reschedule the ModAero event. Mr. Yount seconded the motion. Chairman Kravetz stated he concurred with Mr. Martin's comments. Mr. Barkley stated he agreed with Mr. Martin's comments as well.

Vickie Croston stated she attended the Grand Texas Airshow in Cleburne this past weekend which was very well attended. Mrs. Croston explained that Kayla Perez organized the show and did a very good job. Mrs. Croston encouraged those in attendance to visit this air show next year to see how an airshow should be held.

Becky Lutte thanked the board for giving such an event the opportunity. Mrs. Lutte stated that bringing in the next generation of aviation professionals is critical to the industry but understands why the request from ModAero was denied.

4. Airport Update. Mr. Smith presented the board with the July updates. Those updates are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Smith advised there has been some difficulty in receiving the permit for the wash pad from the City of Conroe. Mr. Brown explained the current design allows for storm water to enter the city's sewer system which the city will not allow.

Mr. Waldo asked about the ears to be added to the wash pad pavement. Mr. Brown stated that looking into adding ears to the wash pad pavement; they do not feel that it will offer any assistance with the blind spot in the area. Mr. Waldo asked if the mirror will be re-installed. Mr. Brown stated the mirror will not be reinstalled since those he spoke with said it offered very little assistance.

Mr. Smith asked again for input from the tenants in the taxiway "EE" area to speak out about using the old Unicom frequency to make announcements on CTAF.

5. Other Matters. Marla Aiello introduced Mo Rolf with Chennault Flying Tiger Academy. Mr. Rolf stated he will be opening a flight school in hangar 25. Mr. Rolf stated the plan is to eventually have 18 aircraft and over 100 students.

Chairman Kravetz reminded those in attendance that Scott Smith will be retiring at the end of the month. Chairman Kravetz stated Scott has done a wonderful job managing the airport and the airport has strived under Scott's leadership. Chairman Kravetz stated he hates to see Scott go but wished him well and thanked him for all he has done for the airport.

Chairman Kravetz mentioned when his term is up in January he also plans to retire from the advisory board. Chairman Kravetz stated serving on the board has been a great experience.

There being no further business Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Yount seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Howard Kravetz, Chairman

Mary Wilson, Board Secretary