

Minutes
of the
Montgomery County Airport Advisory Board Meeting
held June 8,2015

Members in Attendance:

Bill Wingo
Gary Yount

Members Absent:

R.A. (Mickey) Deison
Howard Kravetz
Randy Martin
Barkley Spikes
Jacques Verron

Staff:

Scott Smith, Airport Director
Mary Wilson, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Steve Ratcliff
Bill Teaff
Dan Brouse
Mack McCorkle
Sid Andrist
Robert Wright

1. Consider approval of the April 13, 2015 and the April 28, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The approval of the minutes was deferred due to lack of a quorum.
2. Citizen/Tenant Comments. Jere Gardner advised that effective July 1st the tower staff will be reduced to one controller after 5pm. Mr. Gardner stated that he has concerns with the amount of Galaxy golf cart runway crossings. Mr. Ratcliff agreed and stated he feels that there are too many golf cart crossings.

Mr. Smith stated that Galaxy has an operational need to cross the runway. Mr. Gardner disagreed stating that Galaxy has an alternate route via Loop 336. Mr. Gardner stated that there is a FAA letter that addresses limiting runway crossings.

Mr. Smith suggested notifying Galaxy that effective July 1st they will no longer be allowed to cross the runway after 5pm. Mr. Gardner stated this will help but it is only a band aid. Mr. Gardner stated he has nothing against Galaxy or its employees but the golf cart crossings are a safety issue.

Mr. Wingo and Mr. Yount agreed that the crossings are certainly a safety issue and need to stop. Mr. Wingo requested that Mr. Smith meet with Galaxy to discuss a better alternative and notify them that the crossings will no longer be allowed. Mr. Smith stated he would meet with Galaxy regarding the issue and asked if Mr. Wingo would like to join him. Mr. Wingo stated he would.

Mr. Gardner stated that with the new tower hours of 6am – 9pm, he has not noticed any more traffic. Mr. Smith stated he has traffic numbers that support the time change and would like to give the new schedule one year before reviewing the traffic numbers again.

Mr. Wingo asked if the county can tell RVA, the tower contractor, that their new staff schedule which allows for only one controller after 5pm is unacceptable. Mr. Smith stated that the county has the right to make the request but RVA is not obligated to make any changes. Mr. Smith stated there are multiple towers with only one controller during certain times of the day.

Mr. Yount asked about how the county should proceed with notifying RVA about their concern with the reduced tower staff. Mr. Smith stated he will have the opportunity to discuss the matter with the FAA while he is in Washington in a few weeks. Mr. Smith stated he will follow up on the matter.

3. Updates. Mr. Smith presented the board with the June updates. Those updates are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Smith advised that TxDOT did approve the CIP with requested changes.

Mr. Yount asked about the construction of the League Line road extension. Mr. Smith stated that construction is on schedule since this project was not funded with potential bond money.

4. Taxiway Location and Directional Signs. Mr. Smith presented the board members with his plan for additional signage. Mr. Smith explained that there is a need for additional signage that was not included in the runway project. Mr. Smith stated that his plan includes unlit signs but reflective signs that will be installed by his staff members. Mr. Wingo stated he liked the plan for additional signage.
5. Other Matters. Mr. Ratcliff asked the status of Texas Air Shuttle. Mr. Yount stated they are waiting on the FAA for their certification.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

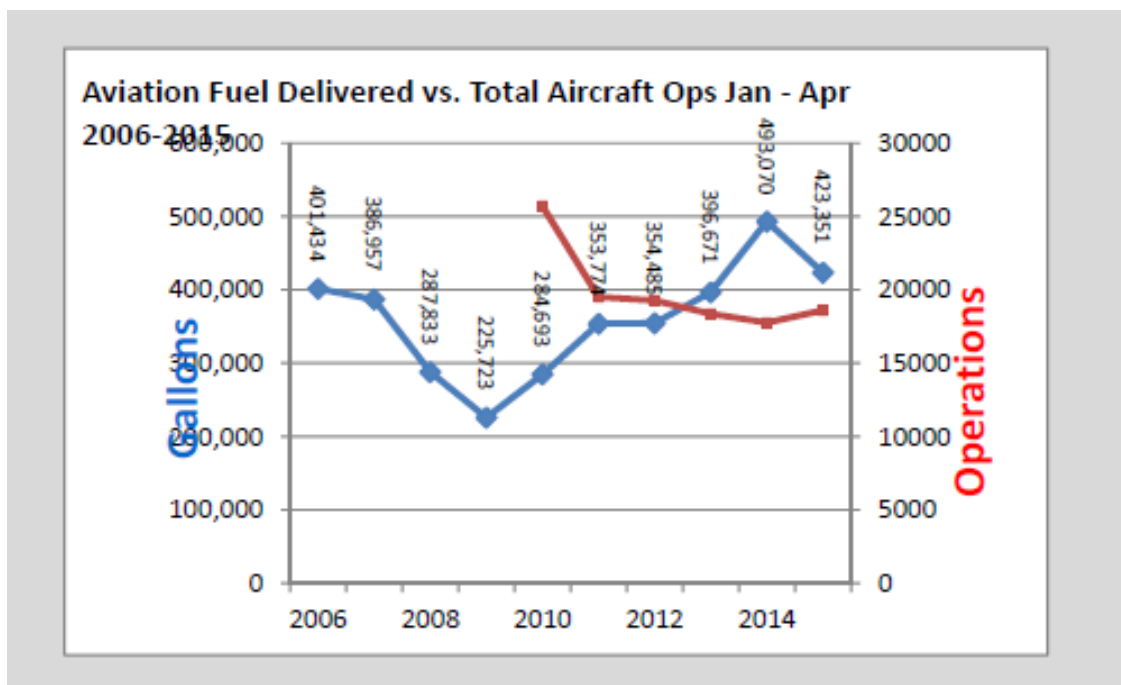
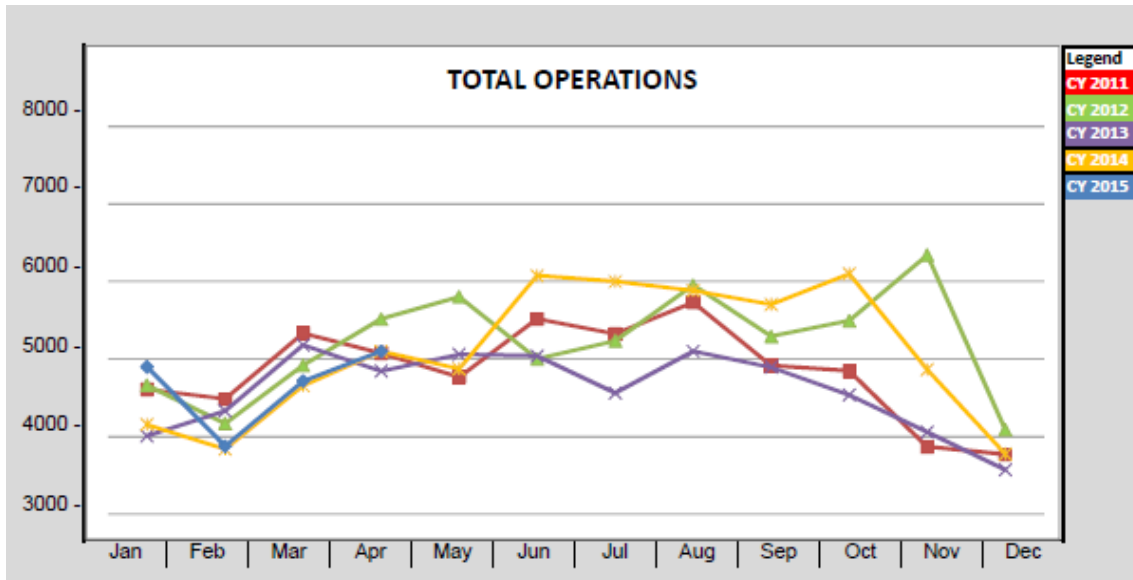
Howard Kravetz
Chairman

Mary Wilson
Secretary

Update (June 2015)

Air Traffic Numbers, Tower Operation

- 2015 Operations Counts: April 5,102
 - CAL YTD: Local ops 45% Itinerant 55%, IFR 18%
 - CAL YTD vs. 2014: Total Ops +5% Local +12% Itinerant -1%
 - CAL YTD vs. 2013: Total Ops +1% Local +15% Itinerant -8%



RW 14-32 Extension

- Complete, ribbon cutting was March 23, 2015
- Minor corrections to airport diagram were published by FAA on 28 May
- 8 asphalt – concrete transitions to be re-surfaced
- Other “punch list” items remain, to be completed over next few weeks

Other Airport Projects

- Wildlife Hazard Plan – approved by TxDOT/FAA – to be implemented
- Re-surfacing of Military Drive, lower Carl Pickering, completed, need marking
- U.S. Customs Facility – Bid opening June 18th
- Wash pad – working with Pct. 1 and County engineer’s office to get started on project
- South Perimeter Road project – no funding currently available
- Texas Air Shuttle start up expected end of July
- HBC Hangars (Taxiway J) – new site plan approved

CALENDAR:

Airport Advisory Board Meeting Monday, July 13, 1630

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

Challenge Air Day Saturday, November 7th