

Minutes
of the Montgomery County Airport Advisory Board
meeting held September 12, 2016

Members Present:

Howard Kravetz, Chairman
Bill Wingo
R.A. (Mickey) Deison
Randy Martin
Barkley Spikes
Jacques Verron
Gary Yount

Staff:

Scott Smith, Airport Director
Mary Wilson, Board Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Vickie Croston
Sid Andrist
Steve and Debbie Ratcliff
Dan Brouse, AOPA
Brandon Ray
Robert and Mary Cunningham, JustFly! Flight School
Wayne Kennedy, CAF
Orlan Franks
Elizabeth Franks
Bryan Luther
Kayla Segerstrom, Grand TX Airshow
Larry Urban
Tanya Pino, County Attorney's Office
Mike Gibala
Brian Columbus, ModAero
Chad Herdrich, General Aviation Services

There being a quorum present the meeting came to order at 4:35 pm.

1. Consider approval of the August 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Verron seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Citizen/Tenant Comments. Mr. Ratcliff requested that the board consider his request to allow for the culverts located on the 1.6 acre tract which was awarded to him be upgraded and

replaced with the same size culverts being installed at other locations in this project. Mr. Ratcliff explained that the smaller culverts were installed by others previously and the contractor has removed the existing culvert with no plans to re-install the larger culverts as he did in other locations included in this project.

Mr. Smith advised the culvert Mr. Ratcliff is referring to was installed by a previous prospective tenant and since a crossing was never installed the project plans did not include replacing the culvert at the 1.6 acre site. Mr. Smith advised the board that the budget for this project, which is funded by Precinct 1, is very limited.

Chairman Kravetz advised that since the matter is not on the agenda no action can be taken by the board. Mr. Kravetz requested that Mr. Smith speak with Commissioner Meador to discuss the possibility of replacing this culvert in the current project budget.

Mr. Franks asked about the wash rack. Mr. Smith advised that he is unable to move forward with the project at this time due to the lack of funds and Precinct 1 crews, who had agreed to perform preliminary work at the wash rack site, are not available at this time. Mr. Smith stated he will look into getting the project back on track and report back to the board when he has more information.

Mr. Franks asked about law enforcement on the Airport. Mr. Smith advised that the City of Conroe Police Department responds to calls on the airport. Mr. Franks advised that he attempted to report a theft on the airport and was informed by Conroe Police Department that the Airport is not within the city limits of Conroe. Mr. Smith stated this is incorrect information and he will contact the City of Conroe Police Department.

3. Airport Updates. Mr. Smith presented the board with the September updates. Those minutes are attached and made a part of these minutes.
4. Request for Exterior LED Sign Installation. Chad Herdrich, owner of General Aviation Services, stated he would like to install a 10 x 2 LED sign on the porch area of his FBO. Mr. Kravetz requested more details such as a rendition and wording before he felt comfortable approving the signage. Mr. Smith advised he is not supportive of graphics that may have adverse effects to aircraft taxing at night. Mr. Deison stated that the City of Conroe may have some type of sign restriction.

Chairman Kravetz stated he would like to see Mr. Herdrich's sign specification and a review of the Airport Rules and Regulations for consideration at the next airport board meeting.

5. Discussion re: ModAero 2017, Brian Columbus, Founder. Mr. Columbus provided the board with a model festival agreement along with a slideshow of the 2017 festival plan. Mr. Columbus stated the agreement will be completed 90 days out from the show. Mr. Columbus stated he

can report back to the board on a monthly basis to allow the board updates on the status of the agreement and the festival.

After discussion the board agreed to meet again on September 19th to consider approval of a resolution to allow ModAero use of the airport during the ModAero NextGen festival.

6. Report on FAA Final Policy on the Non-Aeronautical Use of Airport Hangars and Recommendation to Amend the Airport Rules and Regulations accordingly. Mr. Smith presented the board with a summary of the FAA Policy on the Non-Aeronautical Use of Airport Hangar and explained the airport's obligation. Mr. Smith advised that he would recommend revising the airports rules and regulations to mirror the FAA's policy. Mr. Verron made the motion to allow Mr. Smith to draft the changes to the rules and regulations and bring back to the board for approval. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Howard Kravetz, Chairman

Mary Wilson, Board Secretary