

Minutes
of the
Montgomery County Airport Advisory Board
meeting held September 14, 2015

Members in Attendance:

Howard Kravetz, Chairman
R.A. (Mickey) Deison
Bill Wingo
Gary Yount

Members Absent:

Randy Martin
Barkley Spikes
Jacques Verron

Staff:

Scott Smith, Airport Director
Mary Wilson, Administrative Assistant
Lorinzia Hannah, Airport Intern

Others in Attendance:

Victoria Croston
Don Guice
Kevin Griffin
Don Carpenter
Kaye Brouse
Dan Brouse, AOPA
Steve Ratcliff, GLH
Robert Wright
Brandon Ray
Larry Perryman
Al Waldrof
Brian Columbus
Ed Bruno

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

1. Consider approval of the August 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Wingo made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Deison seconded the motion.

2. Citizen/Tenant Comment. None

3. Update by Vickie Croston: Challenge Air. Mrs. Croston advised that Challenge Air will be held at the former Galaxy location, hangar 25, on November 7th. Vickie explained that Challenge Air is a non for profit organization based in Dallas which consists of all volunteers with little fixed cost.

Mrs. Croston introduced Kevin Griffin with Trans Canada who will serve as the Chairperson for Challenge Air this year. Mrs. Croston then showed a short clip which included photos of past Challenge Air events.

Mrs. Croston went on to explain that during the event there will be approximately 125 special needs kids, so their target for volunteer pilots and aircraft is 20 – 25. Each aircraft is at least a 4 place so to allow the child to sit up front and his parents ride along in the back.

Mrs. Croston also advised that Challenge Air needs monetary donations as well in any amount.

Steve Ratcliff advised the board that he has met with Mr. Smith and Commissioner Meador about the new entrance area at the League Line Road extension. Mr. Ratcliff explained that he would like the area between the new entrance along Carl Pickering and General Thomas Kelly Blvd., and down to Central Parkway near his hangar development to be made more aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Ratcliff stated that while the new entrance is being constructed he would like to see some emphasis on this area as well.

Chairman Kravetz asked Mr. Smith if this is being considered. Mr. Smith stated that to his knowledge the only funding available is through the road bond and it only includes the new airport entrance. Mr. Deison stated that the agreement between the county and the CDIC could address this type improvement.

Mr. Ratcliff stated that the League Line Road extension is underway and he feels that with the construction of the new entrance, the area beyond the entrance should be upgraded. Mr. Ratcliff stated he would hate to see this opportunity slip away.

Chairman Kravetz stated he and Mr. Smith will discuss the matter with Commissioner Meador.

Mr. Smith stated this is something that could be addressed in the upcoming Master Plan Study update. The consultant could provide cost estimates for this project.

Mr. Yount stated there is an issue with vehicular traffic entering through the south gate at hangar 25. Vehicles are entering the ramp area at a high rate of speed and maneuvering in and out of aircraft. Chairman Kravetz asked Mr. Smith to address this issue. Mr. Smith stated he would.

4. Presentation by Brian Columbus, Modaero.net: Proposed Next Gen Aviation Conference and Exposition at CXO and the Lone Star Exposition Center, March 15-17, 2016. Mr. Columbus

introduced himself and advised that he is the editor of Atlantic Flyer News. Mr. Columbus presented the board with a power point presentation on his plan to hold an event called NextGen Aviation Event and Conference. Mr. Columbus explained how the pilot population is decreasing and he feels his event will help attract young millennials to consider a career in aviation. Mr. Columbus has done extensive research and feels Conroe meets all the criteria to attract and accommodate attendees. The event is to be held March 16-19 at the Airport and the Lone Star Convention Center.

Mr. Columbus stated his understands that his goal of making this event the largest in the country may not be obtained in years one, two or three but hopes that with each year the event will attract more to attendees and exhibitors.

The board agreed that Mr. Columbus' proposal is a great idea and asked what Mr. Columbus needed from the board to move forward. Mr. Columbus stated there would be some logistical requests and also the approval of the use of the airport. Mr. Yount made the motion to recommend approval for Mr. Columbus to use the airport for the NextGen event and Mr. Wingo seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Brouse stated that AOPA is considering hold their 2017 conference at CXO.

Mr. Smith introduced Lorinzia Hannah. Mr. Hannah is attending TSU and is the airport's intern for the current semester.

Mr. Scott reminded everyone that October 17th is Safety Day at the airport.

There being no further business the Mr. Wingo made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Yount seconded the motion and the motion carried.

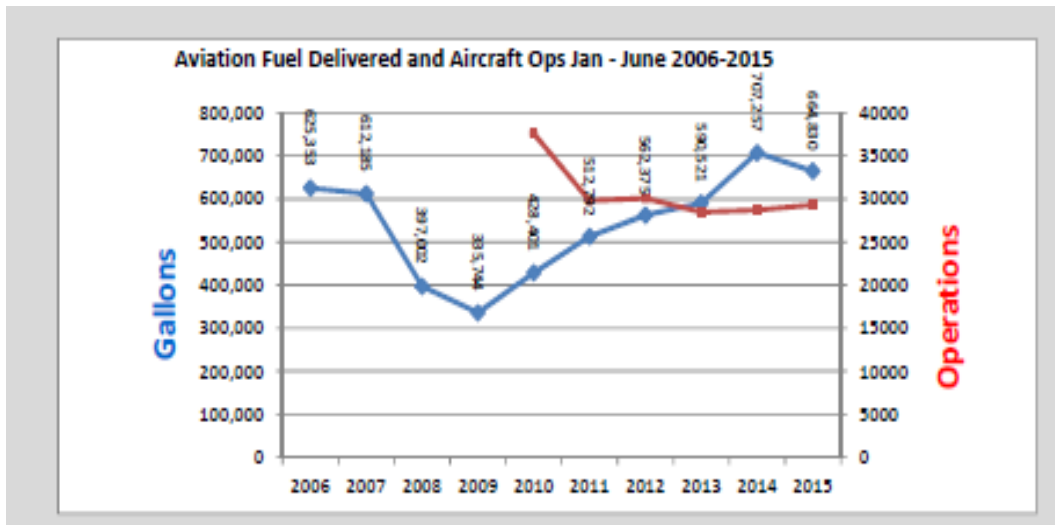
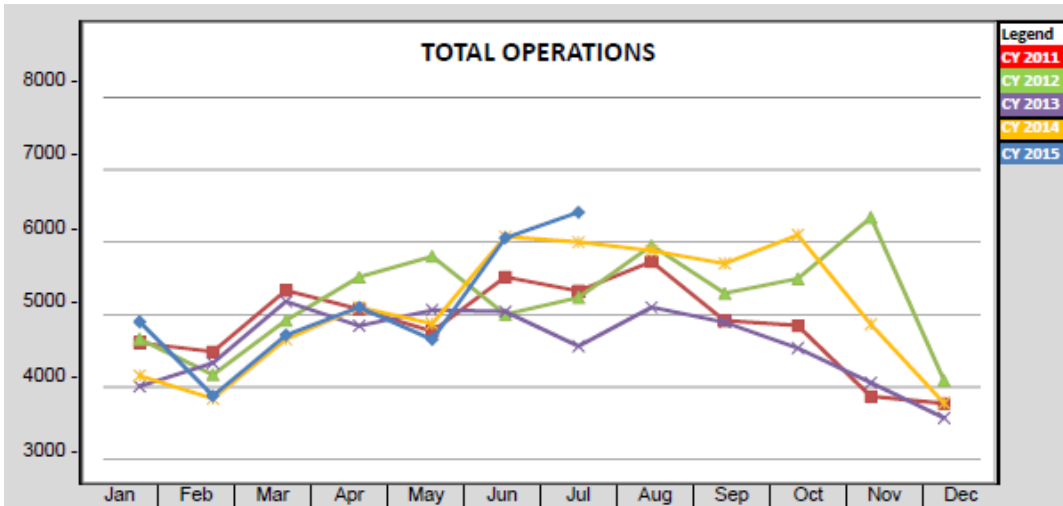
Howard Kravetz
Chairman

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