

DeFuniak Springs Airport Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting  
June 21, 2016

The following members were present: Chairman Terry Dawkins, Committee members: John Hall, Keith Rowland, Assistant Public Works Director Craig Drake, Airport Services Supervisor Ryan Adams, and Interim City Manager Tilman Mears. Committee member Tommy Ayers, Vice-Chair Carl Everitt, and City Clerk Loretta Laird were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Dawkins called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

*May 7, 2016 regular meeting minutes*

The May 7, 2016 regular meeting minutes were presented for approval.

***Committee member Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Committee member Hall. Motion carried 3-0.***

**Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Chair Terry Dawkins**

*Airport Industrial Site*

Chair Terry Dawkins discussed the DeFuniak Springs city council authorizing Airtrain permission first right of refusal to the airport's entire industrial site for primary flight training school, which would potentially commence in 2018. The funding for the proposed project has not been determined according to Chair Dawkins.

John Collins, Avcon representative, discussed the city not being obligated to fund the project with the ability to cancel the letter of agreement at any time. Collins further stated the city has provided a letter of support for the project.

No action was taken at this time.

Discussion occurred relating to the T-33 project,

*Airport Rules and Regulations*

Chair Dawkins discussed the draft copy of the DeFuniak Springs Airport Rules and Regulations as prepared by Avcon, Inc. Dawkins requested any recommendations and comments be submitted to John Collins with Avcon, Inc. regarding the document.

**Officer Selection & AAC Roles and Duties**

Chair Dawkins discussed the current Airport Advisory Committee roles and duties as adopted by the DeFuniak Springs City Council. Dawkins inquired if another committee member would like to chair the advisory board, with consensus of the committee to keep Dawkins the chair. Dawkins noted Carl Everitt was the Vice Chair.

**Airport Services Supervisor Ryan Adams**

*Marvel of Flight Economic Impact Study*

Airport Services Supervisor Ryan Adams discussed the Walton County TDC economic impact from the Marvel of Flight event held April 20 - 24 2016. Adams stated the organization noted 7,750 attendees to the event with 60% local citizens, 255 being day visitors, and 14% stayed in hotel accommodations or with relatives and/or friends. The visitors were from the Pensacola-Mobile area, Birmingham, Jacksonville, and Miami-Ft Lauderdale area.

No action was taken on this item.

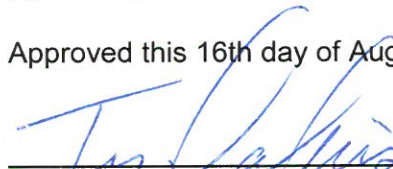
*Airport Tree Removal Services*

Airport Services Supervisor Ryan Adams discussed the removal of trees along the western portion of runway 18/36 and the southern portion of runway 9/27, which are within the transitional surface area.

Committee member Hall made a motion for Airport Services Supervisor to proceed with the tree removal project within the transitional surface area, which is located to the west of runway 18/36 and south of runway 9/27, seconded by Committee member Rowland. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further comments from staff or committee members, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Approved this 16th day of August, 2016.

  
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Terry Dawkins, Airport Advisory Committee Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Loretta A Laird, City Clerk