

Opening:

The Advisory Committee regular meeting of the DeFuniak Springs Airport was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were present: Chairman Terry Dawkins, Committee members: Keith Rowland, Tommy Ayers, and George Watkins.

Meeting Minutes**a. July 18, 2017 – Regular Meeting**

This item provides for Committee approval of the July 18, 2017 Regular Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Ayers made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

b. August 22, 2017 – Special Meeting

This item provides for Committee approval of the August 22, 2017 Special Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Watkins made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Chairman Dawkins welcomed new City Manager Danny Lucas to the meeting. Mr. Lucas greeted the Committee and provided a synopsis of his aviation background.

Walton County Economic Development Alliance Executive Director Bill Imfeld addressed the Committee pertaining to BP TRIUMPH funds and greeted Mr. Lucas. Mr. Lucas responded to Mr. Imfeld's comments pertaining to BP TRIUMPH funds and advised the Committee that he served on the Walton County TRIUMPH Board, which is responsible for allocation of local BP funds.

Airport tenant Ronald Mason addressed the Committee to express his pleasure with current airport management, capital improvement planning, and general operations.

Chairman Dawkins welcomed new member Mr. Watkins to the Committee. Mr. Watkins greeted the Committee and provided a synopsis of his aviation background.

Members of the Committee and Mr. Adams greeted Mr. Watkins and provided introductions.

Old Business**a. FAA Airport Data Change Request – Local Identifier (LocID)**

Mr. Adams discussed with the Committee that the FAA did not accept the City's Airport 5010 Data Change request to switch DeFuniak Springs Airport's LocID from 54J to KDFS.

This item was for informational purposes only and required no formal action by the Committee.

b. Department of Economic Opportunity Grant Opportunities

Mr. Adams explained to the Committee that the City recently applied for two airport capital improvement grants through the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

1. Florida Job Growth Grant Fund
Airport Industrial Park Site Development and Access Road Improvements
Requested Amount: \$ 2,999,481
2. Rural Infrastructure Fund Feasibility Grant
Airport Industrial Park and Access Road Planning and Design
Requested Amount: \$ 293,990

This item was for informational purposes only and required no formal action by the Committee.

Business Items

a. City Government Week Airport Field Trip – October 27, 2017

Mr. Adams notified the Committee of an upcoming airport field trip and invited members to participate in the event

Mr. Dawkins acknowledged he had observed progress made on the Gulf Power Underground Utility Line Conversion project at the airport. Mr. Adams briefed the Committee on the status and history of the project.

Mr. Adams advised the committee of the FDOT's fiscal year 2023 Aviation Grant Program project award and funding allocation for the airport.

Further discussion occurred pertaining to the field trip date, time, and program.

This item was for informational purposes only and required no formal action by the Committee.

Airport Director Report:

Mr. Adams presented and reviewed the monthly Airport Update. The Committee had no questions or comments for Mr. Adams.

Closing Comments:

Mr. Watkins expressed his gratitude to be part of the group and inquired about Committee registration forms and paperwork required by the City. Additionally, Mr. Watkins requested Committee member's contact information. Mr. Adams stated that he would provide Mr. Watkins with a copy of the airport rules and regulations, as well as Committee bylaws.

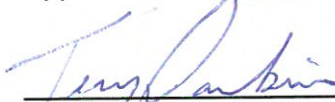
Mr. Ayers advised the Committee that the Destin Executive Airport Air Traffic Control Tower would open on November 1, 2017 and provided additional information pertaining to tower operations.

Further discussion occurred pertaining to airport equipment upgrades and Eglin Air Traffic Control Tower communications at DeFuniak Springs Airport.

Adjournment:

There being no further comments from staff or Committee members, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:18 a.m.

Approved this 21st day of November, 2017.



Terry Dawkins, Airport Advisory Committee Chairman

ATTEST:



Ryan Adams, C.M., Airport Director