

Airport Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

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: Tommy Ayers, and Jack Owen

Chairman Dawkins acknowledged the passing of committee member Keith Rowland. The committee expressed condolences and recognized the late Mr. Rowland for his character and service to the community.

Meeting Minutes

a. February 20, 2018 – Regular Meeting

This item provides for committee approval of the February 20, 2018 regular committee meeting minutes.

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

a. April 17, 2018 – Regular Meeting

This item provides for committee approval of the April 17, 2018 regular committee meeting minutes.

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Business Items

a. Request to Establish Paramotor Flight Training Center

Mr. Adams informed the Committee of a recent inquiry pertaining to space and infrastructure at the airport for the establishment of a paramotor flight training center.

Safety concerns were addressed in reference to paramotor aircraft landing and taking off on unapproved surfaces at the airport.

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

b. 492 Special Operations Wing (SOW) Unit Unlit Runway Operations

Mr. Adams advised the Committee that the 492 Special Operations Wing (SOW) Unit based at Eglin AFB was seeking to establish a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City for the purpose of conducting C-146 Night Vision Goggle (NVG) training operations at the airport. Details of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) are currently incomplete and will require addition coordination between the two parties.

Mr. Adams stated that the MOA would be presented at a future Committee meeting provided that negotiations continue to transpire.

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

c. Runway 18-36 Improvements

This items provides for committee approval and recommendation to City Council concerning a proposed plan to rehabilitate the surface of runway 18-36. Mr. Adams presented a core sample of the proposed material and preliminary budget for the project to the committee for review and comment.

The purpose of the project is to stabilize and strengthen the hard packed clay surface of runway 18-36 with an 8" thick layer of new material. The proposed new surface would consist of a sand, clay, and a kiln dust stabilization compound. Kiln dust represents an alternative to the traditional stabilization agents such as lime.

Mr. Adams advised the committee that the airport is requesting City Council to include \$30,000 in the FY2019 budget to fund the project.

John Collins, P.E. updated the committee on the proposed plan to shift runway 18-36 approximately 300 ft. to the south. Further discussion occurred regarding the need, purpose, and consequences of the proposed runway shift.

Mr. Ayers made a motion to recommend that City Council approve the Airport's FY2019 budget request in the amount of \$30,000 for improvements to runway 18-36. Mr. Owen seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Airport Director Report:

Mr. Adams presented and reviewed the monthly Airport Update.

Discussion occurred related to the status of current and future airport capital improvement projects. Various project scopes, schedules, and budgets were addressed.

Closing Comments:

Mr. Dawkins thanked Mr. Adams for his hard work and dedication to the airport.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:11 a.m.

Approved this 17th day of July, 2018.



Terry Dawkins, Airport Advisory Committee Chairman

ATTEST:



Ryan Adams, C.M., Airport Director