

CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

October 20, 2020

9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Terry Dawkins.

The following Committee members were present: Chairman Terry Dawkins, Jack Owen, Tommy Ayers, Bill Imfeld and Tom Baker. Also, in attendance were City Manager Mell Smigielski, Airport Director Matthew Overton and Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Permenter. John Collins, AVCON representative was also in attendance.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Committee Member T. Ayers and seconded by Committee Member J. Owen to approve the minutes of August 18, 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** - Chair T. Dawkins asked if there were any comments. No one came forward.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS -

Chairman Terry Dawkins stated Bill Imfeld wanted to discuss an item that had not been added to the agenda.

Committee Member Bill Imfeld announced that he was asked to bring an unsolicited and anonymous proposal to the committee. The proposal was to help the City increase the length of the runway and to help widening the runway in exchange to building two hangars.

After much discussion about the unsolicited proposal, including possible hurdles that would need to be addressed, Committee Member Mr. Imfeld was given the City Manager Mell Smigielski as a contact name to give them.

1. Dr. Steve LePage – Hangar Proposal

Chairman Dawkins discussed a hangar proposal from Dr. Steve LePage.

Motion by Committee Member B. Imfeld and seconded by Committee Member J. Owen to reject the proposed offer from Dr. LePage. All ayes. The motion carried.

2. Progress report on New Terminal

John Collins, AVCON representative, reported 95% of the drawing was ready, and that the cost estimate for the building price was approximately \$400,000 over budget. He hopes to be able to bring an updated cost estimate and 95% drawing to the November meeting.

3. CARES Act Grant money

Airport Director Matt Overton stated the City has received \$30,000 from the CARES ACT grant money.

4. FAA appropriated funds report

Airport Director Matt Overton stated that the FAA appropriated funds have been reapproved for disbursement.

5. FDOT grant money transfer request

Airport Director Matt Overton announced the FDOT grant money from monies spent approximately two years ago has been approved for reimbursement.

6. Large Box Hangar Report

Airport Director Matt Overton reported that all rotations of hangars are complete. He added all hangars are under the same lease and the same contract. This does include Monarch Aviation.

Airport Director Matt Overton Matt Overton talked briefly about the accident at the airport where the plane ended up in a ditch. It was not considered a major accident and there were no injuries. The FAA inspector came out and inspected the airport and accident site. The results were that the airport passed inspection.

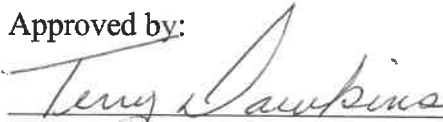
6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS – No comments.

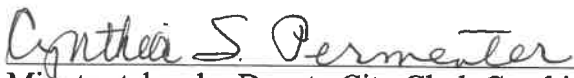
City Manager Mell Smigielski announced that on September 28, 2020, Liberty Partners made application for Triumph money grant for airport improvements.


Motion by Committee member B. Imfeld and seconded by Committee member T. Ayers to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Approved by:


 Terry Dawkins, Airport Advisory Committee Chairperson


 Minutes taken by Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Permenter


 Minutes submitted by Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk
 Proper notice having been duly given

