

DeFuniak Springs Airport Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2013

The following members were present: Chairman Terry Dawkins, Committee members: Gary Bean, Carl Everitt, City Manager Sara Bowers and City Clerk Loretta Laird. Committee members Sherrion Holmes, Edward Armbruster and Airport Supervisor Ryan Adams were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Dawkins called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

September 17, 2013 regular meeting minutes

The September 17, 2013, regular meeting minutes were presented for approval. Committee member Bean inquired about the pilot pancake breakfast that will be held at the 4th annual Marvel of Flight event on April 26, 2014.

Committee member Bean made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Committee member Everitt. Motion carried 2-0.

Citizen Comments

No Comments were made.

Chairman Terry Dawkins

T-hangar wash-out repair

Chairman Dawkins discussed the area located adjacent to 619-627 Airpark Road t-hangars and next to the fuel pit, which has wash-out areas after a rain. Dawkins indicated staff does maintain the areas but suggested sod installation after staff provides fill material to the wash-out areas, which may eliminate future maintenance expenses.

Stop sign installation

Chairman Dawkins discussed the installation of reflective stop, due to night time visibility concerns at gates three and four.

EAA Update

Committee member Bean discussed a total of 15 kids flew during the Young Eagles program on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Bean further discussed five kids were interested in the aviation field, with assistance from Crestview and Enterprise EAA Chapters. Discussion occurred relating to evening events that occur at the Southeast Regional Fly-In (SERFI), that was held in Evergreen, Alabama on October 25, 2013 – October 27, 2013, and water and electric connections for campers during the SERFI annual event.

Chairman Dawkins further discussed a “camp under the wing” event to be held at the municipal airport on April 25, 2014, and the pilot area including drawings to be held for pilots only during for the Marvel of Flight 2014 event.

Pilot Cook-out

Chairman Dawkins discussed having pilot cook-outs for EAA Chapter meetings and for airport tenants. City Manager Bowers indicated during the 2014 budget, no funding was assigned for cookout items. Further discussion occurred relating to good public relations being made during the cook-out events. Bean suggested not having the pilot cook-outs in conjunction with the EAA Chapter meetings, which would create too much pilot confusion.

Discuss 18/36 improvements

Chairman Dawkins discussed 18/36 berm and runway renovations along with a regular maintenance schedule. Discussion occurred about the equipment required for the runway maintenance work and the runway maximum aircraft weight limit being discussed with Bill Farris, Federal Aviation Administration representative.

Wind Socks

Chairman Dawkins indicated the windsock has been reinstalled and further suggested a two foot x 12 to 18 foot wide parallel concrete section be constructed and painted white with corrugated plastic signage panels installed. The section would provide pilots the right hand flight pattern for runway 27 and left hand flight pattern for runway nine. Discussion occurred relating to Dawkins' suggestion and it may confuse the pilots if the flight patterns are changed at different times of the year. Dawkins indicated he thought it would be another visual aid for pilots during special events at the airport such as Marvel of Flight

Pavillion & Restrooms

Chairman Dawkins inquired about a pavilion and restrooms, with showers, being installed at the airport for future growth. Further discussion occurred relating to future plans for the current Gene Hurley Park.

Airport Services Supervisor Ryan Adams
Airport Supervisor Report

City Manager Sara Bowers presented the airport supervisor report which included increasing 100 low lead fuel sales in October 2013; Runway 18/36 being closed for maintenance until November 22,

2013; the windsock pole being repainted; aircraft tug purchase with an expectant delivery date of January 2014; fuel storage tank improvements being performed by Petro Flow, Inc.; waiting list being prepared for t-hanger building one which is scheduled to be completed in March 2014.

Discussion

Committee Member Gary Bean
Committee member Bean had no comments.

Committee Member Carl Everitt
Committee member Everitt had no comments.

City Manager Sara Bowers
City Manager Bowers had no comments.

Committee member Everitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee member Bean.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Approved this 23rd day of January, 2014.



Terry Dawkins, Airport Advisory Committee Chairman

ATTEST:



Loretta A Laird, City Clerk