

ZEPHYRHILLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

A Regular Airport Advisory Board meeting was held on Monday March 16th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robert H. Johnson Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
Vice Chairman Bill Castle called the meeting to order. Present were members Bill Castle, Buzz Hohmann, David Ruffell, Dan Evans and Rachel Nash. Ron Miller and Juan Vega were absent.

Staff present was Acting Airport Manager Nathan Coleman and Administrative Assistant Lucy Huber.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES – Dan Evans moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 15th, 2014 and the Special Meeting held January 5th, 2015. Rachel seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS –

1. FDOT Grant Acceptance

Dan Evans moved to accept the JPA as it is submitted by the FDOT for the design phase of the new electrical vault. David Ruffell seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Rotor's of America Lease

Acting Airport Manager Nathan Coleman requested this item be removed from the agenda due to a discrepancy that was found in the Lease. Mr. Coleman asked that they wait until City Manager Steve Spina could meet with him and Mr. Roza to further discuss this item before making a motion to accept it. The board agreed to wait and the item was removed from the agenda.

3. AmeriGas Propane Land Lease

David Ruffell moved to accept a new Lease (under the newly approved rate terms) for AmeriGas Propane, L.P. Their current lease is due to expire in May. Buzz Hohmann seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Airspace Certification Authorization (C.O.A.)

Turin Aviation President, Ed Franco explained to the board their plans to procure airspace northeast of the airport to further develop and test Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles (U.A.V.'s). This airspace is 4 miles wide and 10 miles long. With the approval of the Airport Advisory Board and City Council, Mr. Franco will begin working with the FAA to move forward to finalize these plans. David Ruffell moved to allow Turin Aviation to move forward in procuring this land for their business needs. Dan Evans seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –

1. Update on Michael Handrahan – Administrative Assistant Lucy Huber shared with the board the current status of Mr. Handrahan's health. At this time he is still in the hospital but making improvements and sends his gratitude for the thoughts and prayers of friends and co-workers.
2. Pigs in Zhills – At this time Chamber President, Vonnie Mickelson, shared with the board regarding the excellent turn out for the 5th annual Pigz in Zhills held at the airport for the 2nd year. Here are a few of the highlights. This year there were over 270 total participants. There were 9,000 to 10,000 visitors (a 30% increase) and the average spent by out of town visitors was \$45.30. The total estimated economic impact is \$500,000. There were also 26 aircraft that flew in for the event. It was a very successful day and everyone is looking forward to working together to expand Pigz in Zhills next year, making it even more successful!
3. Ford Tri-Motor – The Ford Tri-Motor flew 5 loads of passengers from January 29th – February 1st. 375 gallons of fuel was purchased.
4. B-17 – The B17 flew 4 loads of passengers from March 12th – March 15th. 927 gallons of fuel was purchased.

Nathan Coleman added that the airport is working towards remodeling the FBO in the near future. A scope of work is being developed to send to various contractors.

Mr. Castle asked about the progression of getting the Aerocenter sign repaired or taken down. Nathan Coleman said that this project completion is larger than what our current budget allows. If there is extra funding available at the end of the budget year it could possibly be done at that time. There is also discussion of having Rotor's of America take care of it and have it painted. At this time there are more details that need to be worked out regarding this project.

Dan Evans said the board needs to be re-aligned and should be done at the next board meeting.

Bill Castle concurred. He also mentioned that he understood if a member missed 2 meetings in a row they would automatically be taken off the board. He wanted clarification. Nathan Coleman said this should be clarified by the City Clerk and he would look into it.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Dan Evans moved to close the meeting. Buzz Hohmann seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.