

City Council  
November 8, 2023

A Joint Special Called Meeting/Work Session of the Midlothian City Council, Waxahachie City Council, and the Joint Airport Board was held in the Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, Waxahachie, Texas on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Waxahachie Council Members Present: David Hill, Mayor, Council Member Place 1  
Chris Wright, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 3  
Patrick Souter, Council Member Place 2  
Billie Wallace, Council Member Place 4  
Travis Smith, Council Member Place 5

Midlothian City Council Members Present: Justin Coffman, Mayor  
Clark Wickliffe, Place 4, Mayor Pro Tem  
Allen Moorman, Place 1  
Mike Rodgers, Place 2  
Ed Gardner, Place 5  
Hud Hartson, Place 6

Midlothian City Council Member Absent: Anna Hammonds, Place 3

Mid-Way Regional Airport Board Members Present: Alex Smith, Vice Chair  
Nanette Paghi  
Jennifer Chelwick  
Kevin Griffin

Mid-Way Regional Airport Board Member Absent: Morgan Whitehead

Others Present: Michael Scott, Waxahachie City Manager  
Albert Lawrence, Waxahachie Deputy City Manager  
Amber Villarreal, Waxahachie City Secretary  
Chris Dick, Midlothian City Manager  
Clyde Melick, Midlothian Assistant City Manager  
Tammy Varner, Midlothian City Secretary  
Joe Gorfida, Midlothian/Airport Board Legal Counsel

### **Call to Order**

Waxahachie Mayor David Hill, Midlothian Mayor Justin Coffman, and Airport Board Vice Chair Alex Smith called the meeting to order. Mayor Coffman provided the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Citizens to be heard.**

Walter Darrach, Midlothian, Texas, former Council Member and former liaison to the Joint Airport Board, requested review of the Airport Standards and Insurance Standards.

**Staff presentation of the proposed amendments to the Joint Airport Agreement.**

Richard Abernethy, Director of Administrative Services, presented an overview of the following:

- Joint Airport Agreement Timeline
- Joint Airport Fund
- Current Agreement Overview
- Proposed changes to the Agreement

Clyde Melick, Assistant City Manager, presented the survey results from 18 responses regarding the proposed changes to the Joint Airport Agreement.

**Discuss the proposed amendments to the Joint Airport Agreement and direct staff as necessary.**

Ed Gardner, Midlothian Council Member, proposed establishing a new process for selecting board members which would require approval of all board members by both City Councils. He proposed the Board serve in more than an advisory capacity by providing oversight to the Airport Manager and day-to-day operations at the Airport.

The majority consensus of the Waxahachie City Council supported the Airport Board serving as an advisory board and establishing a process for addressing issues/concerns through the Board Chair and Council liaisons.

Council Members and Airport Board Members discussed the proposed changes and provided feedback.

It was the general consensus to proceed with revising Section 10.B. of the redlined agreement and designating the Airport Board to serve in an advisory capacity.

***No action taken.***

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
City Secretary