

MID-WAY REGIONAL AIRPORT JOINT AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mid-Way Regional Airport Joint Airport Board was held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., in the Rex Odom Conference Room, at Mid-Way Regional Airport, 131 Airport Dr., Midlothian, Texas.

Members Present: Kyle Ballard, Chair
Kent McGuire, Vice Chair
Ray Barksdale, Secretary
David Box
Randall Porche
Alex Smith
Drew Sambell

Others Present: Judy Demoney, Airport Manager
Tammy Bowen, Airport Operations Assistant
Chris Dick, Manager, City of Midlothian
Chelsey Gordon, Assistant to the Waxahachie City Manager

REGULAR AGENDA

Opening: Kyle Ballard called the meeting to order, and gave the invocation.

Board Announcements: There were no Board announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of Meeting held November 9, 2017
- Financial Report
- Manager's Report
- Airport Operation's Report
- FBO Report

Alex Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; second by Randall Porsche. All Ayes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

FAA Pilot Program for UAS Integration into National Air Space: Judy Demoney told the Board that in October, President Trump directed the Secretary of Transportation to implement an Unmanned Air System (UAS) Integration Pilot Program with 180 days. The directive charged the Department of Transportation and the FAA with implementing pilot programs focused on more complex UAS operations, specifically in airspace at 200-244 feet above ground level. The Secretary of Transportation will select five teams to partner with the FAA to develop the processes necessary to safely incorporate UAS technologies and applications into the mainstream of everyday life.

Governor Abbott is leading a regional effort that integrates a broad spectrum of interests from our area. He would like a unified regional proposal, including states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The North Central Texas Council of Governments approached ATAC members asking for as many Airports to sign up as possible to be a part of the regional team called TALON. Judy informed the Board that she did sign Mid-Way up, and are now one of 134 team members which includes airports, universities, law enforcement, retailers, Cities, etc... The FAA will be selecting the five main teams within the next 90 days.

Future Airport Economic Development: Judy Demoney said that an aviation training school out of Michigan approached us recently because they are wanting to expand, and we met their criteria. Another business approached us that is based at Executive Airport, which is a very good business and would be very beneficial to our Airport. The entities that are coming to us need big hangar space that we do not have. We will continue to get more opportunities as the economy in our area continues to grow. Judy said that these are the types of opportunities that we are getting, and hopes that we can start working towards a plan. Judy told the Board that it is too hard to build specs because everyone needs something different, but if we had the infrastructure in and were shovel ready we could take advantage of some these opportunities. Judy reminded the Board that Airborne Imaging is still interested in building a hangar. Judy said that she is will be meeting with an Ellis County banker tomorrow that is representing some investors that is interested in building hangars. Kyle Ballard said that we have had some really good prospects over the last two years that we feel like we may have been able to land had we had the infrastructure (roads, utilities, etc..) ready to go. Kyle recommended that the Economic Development Committee put together some recommendations and a game plan to bring before the Board.

Kyle Ballard asked if there were any new proposed residential developments close to the airport. Chris Dick said that Hayes Crossing got approved just to the South of Twin Creeks. There is also someone looking at the Diamond J property next to the Airport. Chris said that the City did tell them the concerns of the Airport, and the concerns that the City has in regards to the intrusion onto the Airport. Chris said that unfortunately there is that section of light industrial after 20 or 25 years it reverts back from light industrial to residential, but the City has told them that it would be their desire that it stay light industrial so that there are not homes right up on the Airport.

Election of Officers:

Alex Smith moved to nominate Drew Sambell as Chair; second by David Box. **All Ayes.**

Alex Smith moved to nominate Kent McGuire as Vic Chair; second by Randal Porsche. **All Ayes.**

Kent McGuire moved to nominate Ray Barksdale as Secretary; second by Alex Smith. **All Ayes.**

Other Business: Judy said that she got word from TxDOT that final audit for the T-hangar project will not be complete for about two months, and it appears that we will only be getting back about \$3,400.

TxDOT's recommendation for the security-fencing project was to bank our MPE funds for the next four years until we have enough to do it all at the same time. The Board agreed that they would rather see an incremental approach because we continue to have issues around our facilities. Judy told the Board to keep in mind that there are not a lot of federal funds available at this time so TxDOT is looking primarily at runway type projects. Judy said that she would get with our TxDOT planner to see how we can proceed.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: There being no further business,

Ray Barksdale moved to adjourn; second by Randall Porsche. **All Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Bowen, Airport Operations