

Airport Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 5, 2008

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cliff Hix, Chairperson
Kurt Balthazor, Vice Chairperson
Scott Crain
Jay Humbard
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Terry Calloway
Chris Hoffman
Donald Murray
- OTHERS PRESENT:** William A. Beasley, Director of Public Works
Bruce D. Remsberg, P.E., City Engineer
Larry Pommier, Asst. Dir. of Operations for Public Works
Gary Iori, Airport Manager
Bill Pyle, Airport Attendant
Joye VanGorden, Admin. Asst. to Dir. of Public Works

The Airport Advisory Committee met on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 12:00 p.m., in the City Hall Commission Room. Chairperson Cliff Hix called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with four (4) members present.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2008. Kurt Balthazor moved, seconded by Scott Crain, that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The second order of business was an update on the wildlife fence. A progress report prepared by the consultant for this project, PEC, was distributed to the board members. It was reported that the contractor, RFB Construction, got a late start on the project due in part by the rains. By the end of last week (May 2nd), the contractor was close to 50% complete on days but only 15-16% complete on the project. The percentage of work completed is based on the dollar value of the work completed. Fence posts are now being set and another crew is scheduled to be brought in to start hanging the fence fabric. RFB will continue to grade along the centerline of the fence. The drainage boxes are ready and the contractor plans to deliver them to the site this week. The trenching for the buried fabric will probably occur after the fence is in place. This is to avoid the trenches being open and possibly taking on water. The project is moving along now that the weather is cooperating. It is expected that the contractor should complete the project pretty close to the original completion date. Progress meetings are held at the airport about every two weeks with the contractor.

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The third order of business was an update on Miller's Old Hangar. This item was brought up for discussion at the last meeting to decide the rental fee for this hangar now that Miller's has moved into their new hangar. Taking the assessed value and a 5% target number, it was determined that the rental for this hangar should be in the \$750 to \$825 range per month. The City made this offer to a number of airport users and had even heard that somebody from Joplin, Missouri might be interested in locating in Pittsburg. However, everyone seemed to be satisfied in the multi-purpose hangar and was not interested in the hangar. Mike Gall had originally expressed an interest in the hangar to allow him to service larger planes, so the City asked what he would be willing to pay. Mr. Gall indicated he would not be willing to pay any more than \$550 per month. The City's concern would be that should someone want to buy a jet and bring it to Pittsburg a hangar could not be built to house a jet for that kind of money. There were two others that expressed an interest in the hangar. Glenn Nichols indicated that he had a partner and that they might be interested in a charter service, but that he did not want to commit to a lease yet. Also, Watco had indicated they might be buying an airplane and would need a place to put it. City staff needs the board's direction on whether to go ahead and lease the hangar to Mr. Gall and then try to find somebody that would be interested in renting the old hangar or to continue to search for someone willing to pay rent at the higher rate. The City is fortunate to have a fixed based operator at the airport, but would be concerned with lost revenue if Mr. Gall was allowed to rent the hangar at a lower rate.

After general discussion, it was the consensus of the board that action be tabled until the August meeting to see if anything develops with Mr. Nichols or Watco. They also requested City staff to explore the cost of modifying the door in Mr. Gall's existing hangar that would allow him to service larger airplanes and to come back with a recommendation for a lease rate for the hangar should he move into Miller's old hangar.

The fourth order of business was an update on the Airport Master Plan Update. The City received word from the FAA that they really weren't awarding any grants for projects this year because of existing projects and the shortage of funding. The FAA basically sets aside \$150,000 per year for the Pittsburg airport to do larger projects, so the City contacted them to see if this money could be used towards an Airport Master Plan Update. The FAA indicated there should be no reason why it could not be included with the list of major projects, however, they have not notified the City to proceed with the master plan. City staff just wanted the board to know that this project was still in the works, but had no real idea when it would take place until they heard from the FAA.

Under Other Business, Mr. Beasley reported that as a result of discussion at the last meeting about the close encounter with Eagle Med, the City investigated ways to make pilots more aware of this situation. City staff will be painting skip stripes to designate the taxiway from the ramp area. Reflectors have also been placed around the manholes.

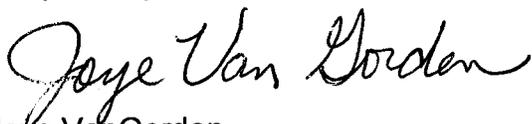
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Also under Other Business, Mr. Beasley reported that City staff had sent letters out to all the airport users indicating that the hangar fees will be going up effective June 1st. There was only one person that removed his plane. The plane is sitting on the tie down area.

The next Airport Advisory Committee meeting will be August 4, 2008.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joye VanGorden".

Joye VanGorden

Administrative Assistant to the Director of Public Works/Deputy City Clerk