

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Hoffman, Chairperson
Ron Long, Vice Chairperson
Scott Crain
Gary Iori
Nathan Keizer
Jay Humbard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cliff Hix

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Beasley
Greg Hardister
Bill Pyle
Bruce Remsberg
Andrea Turner

The Airport Advisory Committee met on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., in the City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with six (6) members present.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 1, 2011. Jay Humbard moved, seconded by Nathan Kiezer, that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The second order of business was an update on the Taxiway Improvements Project. Bill Beasley handed out a map detailing the areas at the airport that have been addressed through the KAIP grant. Mr. Beasley explained a concrete flume was installed in front of the Quad and Grip-flex was laid on the rest of the damaged areas.

Greg Hardister explained a little about the process of how this Grip-flex was laid by APAC-Missouri Inc., out of Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Hardister explained APAC-Missouri Inc. had to blow out the cracks before laying the Grip-flex. It took up to five repeats of the blowing out process in some areas before the grip-flex could be laid properly. A sample of the grip-flex material was passed around for the members of the Board to see.

Mr. Beasley explained there were more areas that needed to be repaired than the City initially thought. Therefore, the cost of this project was approximately \$2,000.00 more than initially quoted. This money came from an EDAC account. Mr. Beasley explained the grip-flex is supposed to last 10-15 years and the City is very pleased with end result on the airport taxiway.

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Mr. Humbard asked what the final cost of this project was compared to the projected cost of just doing an overlay.

Mr. Beasley explained the City spend roughly a quarter of the cost an overlay would have cost.

The second order of business was an update on Contract Fuel Sales. Bill Pyle handed out information comparing the cost of fuel before and after the recent price increase. As a result of City Staff reviewing the fees and charges at the airport recently, the airport began contract fueling with AV-Fuel. Mr. Pyle explained all the local users are now using the contract fuel card.

Mr. Beasley explained the goal of this price increase and the contract fueling was to help the Airport reach the goal of not having to be subsidized by the City.

Chris Hoffman said he felt the new contract fueling system was working well.

Mr. Beasley explained in December the City Airport would be listed on the website for AV-Fuel.

Mr. Hoffman suggested also looking into flightplan.com for advertising as well. He also asked if there was any information available concerning fuel sales.

Mr. Pyle handed out another chart reflecting fuel sales since 2009. Mr. Pyle explained that if nothing unforeseen happens he projects end of the year fuel sales to be above what they were in 2009.

The third order of business was an update on Environmental Assessment. Bill Beasley explained that Lochner was doing an Environmental Assessment as part of the Airport Improvement Project. The FAA requires these assessments before they will commit funds for large projects. Mr. Beasley explained the environmental assessment found the gray bat lived in the area and has recently discovered a frog called the Spring Peeper living in the basin of the Spring River. He explained the habitat for the Spring Peeper is very similar to that of the Gray Bat. Due to the airport improvements a total of approximately 9 acres need to be mitigated for these animals. Mr. Beasley handed out a printout showing the bike park that was recently constructed. He explained the City is trying to get a portion of this area set aside as a wet land habitat.

Scott Crain asked if Mr. Beasley had contacted Pittsburg State University to see if they could help with the project.

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Mr. Beasley explained he is going to try to see if the PSU Biology Department will help.

Mr. Hoffman asked if there was a time frame this project was projected to be completed.

Mr. Beasley stated he thought it would be next year, in 2012, before the City could even begin the project. So as of this point in time there is no projected completion date for this project.

The fourth order of business was discussion of Open House to be held on November 16, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Atkinson Municipal Airport for presentation on the development of new Height and Hazard Regulations. Mr. Beasley explained the City Frontenac, City of Pittsburg and Crawford County have come together to form a committee that is working with Lochner to create new Airport Airspace Protection Regulations. Mr. Beasley explained the City will be the enforcing agent when the regulations are final. He explained there will be an Open House at the Airport on November 16. The purpose of the Open House is to inform and involve everyone that will be affected by these regulations.

Mr. Beasley also explained there is a need for an appeals board for these new regulations. He suggested the Airport Advisory Committee also be the board of appeals. The Airport Advisory Board agreed this would be the best plan of action.

Under **Other Business**, Mr. Hoffman asked if there was a plan to repair the cracks in the runway.

Mr. Beasley explained bids were taken approximately 4 weeks ago and the City is now awaiting delivery of the product so the Street Division can get onto the runway and make the necessary repairs this fall.

Mr. Pyle explained the runway will not be shut down very long. He is hoping to have it closed for only a few hours during the day and the cross runway will still be available. This project will take approximately a week to complete.

Mr. Hoffman also inquired if the master plan was completed.

Mr. Remsberg explained he is still waiting for the FAA to review the plans and get back with him. He stated the work load for the FAA is very heavy at this time so he has not heard back from them yet.

Bill Beasley asked Mr. Remsberg if he felt the master plan will be completed by the end of the year.

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Mr. Remsberg stated it might be but explained he is not sure because the process seems to be taking quite a bit of unforeseen time.

Nathan Keizer asked Mr. Remsberg if the FAA had a turnaround time they followed for these projects.

Mr. Remsberg stated they did not seem to.

Mr. Beasley stated the airport had been looking into different deicer products recently in preparation for the winter and possible bad weather. In the past the airport has used urea from the county coop.

Mr. Pyle explained he had looked into a chemical deicer. However, the chemical product cost was quite a bit more than the urea. Mr. Beasley asked the board how they felt about asking the airport users to help fund the cost of a new product.

After some discussion it was decided for Mr. Pyle to purchase a gallon of the chemical deicer and use it next to the urea and see if the product would be worth the cost.

Mr. Keizer stated the minutes from past meetings are not on-line and asked if he could get copies of these minutes.

Mr. Beasley stated his offices would take care of that.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Turner
Administrative Assistant