COBB COUNTY AIRPORT - MCCOLLUM FIELD
AIRPORT STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD
(AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.
HANGAR 700 – 3rd Floor

Present of the Board:
Kelly Keappler, Town Center CID, Chairman
Amy Rowe, District III, Secretary
Carter Chapman, District I
Brian Newsome, District II
Butch Thompson, District IV
JoAnn Birrell, Commissioner, District 3
Mark Mathews, Mayor – Kennesaw
Clark Hungerford, Development Authority
Bob Binkley – Pilot

Absent of the Board:
Sean King, Chairman Appt., Vice Chairman
Tom Auten, Hawthorne Global Aviation

Representing Cobb County:
Karl Von Hagel, Airport Manager

I. Call to Order:
Chairman, Kelly Keappler, welcomed members and guests of the Airport Advisory Board and officially called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

II. Approve Minutes:
Mr. Von Hagel presented the minutes from the February 9, 2014, board meeting. Motion made by Mr. Chapman to approve, seconded by Mr. Thompson; all members in favor.

III. General Status Report (given by Mr. Von Hagel):

a. Airport –
   1. Traffic Review - Distributed and reviewed McCollum’s and other counties air traffic data.
   2. Other – Mr. Von Hagel gave an update on the International Operator’s Counsel he attended in San Antonio, TX. Working on a marketing banner ad for webpages on flightplan and airport services websites.
   3. Other - Charmaine Chin was introduced to the board, as the expected new AAB District 4 Rep for Commissioner Cupid.

b. Hawthorne Global Aviation Services – No report – Tom Auten was absent.
IV. Old Business: (given by Mr. Von Hagel unless otherwise noted)

a. Customs Update/Airport Name Update – The BOC approved the name change of the airport to Cobb County International Airport – McCollum Field in a 5-0 vote. The change will be effective the day customs inspection services are operational at the airport. The ribbon cutting date is TBA.

b. New Air Traffic Control Tower Update – Opened on March 5th. Renovations of the old tower base building should be done by late May with a Ribbon Cutting following shortly after that.

c. Airport Master Plan Update – Moving ahead with the scope approved at the last meeting. The fee structure was approved by the State but there has been a delay while new FAA requirements are researched and incorporated into the scope of services.

d. Aeronautical Commercial Operator Minimum Standards – Received comments on a draft document back from legal and will provide information to the Board at the next meeting.

e. North Apron Expansion and Rehabilitation Project – State has approved the fees for Engineering and the BOC has authorized the agreement. Work is underway. Geo-tech and survey are underway. Bid opens in August.

V. New Business (given by Mr. Von Hagel unless otherwise noted)

a. FAA Obstruction Survey – Discussed a report from the FAA on objects that have been classified as obstructions to the runway 9 approach. Work has begun on mitigating the objects.

b. Town Center CID/Airport Noonday Creek Trail Park – A concept plan from the Town Center CID was distributed for a potential aviation/trailhead park at far east end of the airport at Cobb Place and Barrett place Blvd. Discussions are progressing with the Town Center CID to fund and construct the park.

c. Change airport location identifier – Mr. Chapman proposed changing the airport identifier initials for the airport from K-RYY to K-CCI. He made a motion that the proposed request go to the BOC for approval; seconded by Clark Hungerford; votes were unanimous.

d. MISC – Mr. Thompson thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as a member for several years. A motion was made by Mr. Chapman that the Board, thank Mr. Butch Thompson for all his hard work, seconded by Brian Newsome.

VI. Next Meeting/Adjourn:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015, at 4:00 pm; location TBA.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Thompson, seconded by a Mr. Chapman. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15pm.