

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**June 5, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Airport Administration Building**

**Present of the Board:**

Amy Rowe, District III, Chair  
Sean King, Chairman Appt  
Mike Irby, Town Center CID  
Derek Easterling, Mayor – Kennesaw  
Thomas Hollinger– Pilot, Secretary  
JoAnn Birrell, Commissioner, BOC

**Absent of the Board:**

Charmaine Chin, District IV, Vice-Chair  
Clark Hungerford, Development Authority  
Carter Chapman, District I  
Brian Newsome, District II  
Dave Kucko, Hawthorne Global Aviation

**Representing Cobb County:**

Karl Von Hagel, Airport Manager  
Jim Wilgus, Cobb DOT Director

**Guests:** None

**I. Call to Order:**

Chair Rowe welcomed Members of the Airport Advisory Board and officially called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**II. Approve Minutes:**

Mr. Von Hagel presented the minutes from the April 10, 2017 board meeting (with an edit to the originally distributed version). Motion made by Mr. King to approve, seconded by Mayor Easterling; all members in favor.

**III. General Status Report:**

**a. Airport –**

1. Von Hagel reviewed President's Trump proposal for privatizing FAA's Air Traffic Control System. Airport Organizations have not taken a position on the proposal awaiting further details regarding fee structures and governance Board structure. A Contract Tower Association Policy Board Meeting will be held in June to further discuss.
2. Von Hagel reported that the National Business Aviation Association held a meeting with local stakeholders to discuss using Dobbins Air Reserve Base as a possible location for the Business Aviation Conference and Expo, the largest business aircraft show in the nation. If all the challenges are overcome the first show would be no sooner than six years out. RYY could expect a great deal of visiting business jet activity during the show.
3. Von Hagel reported that he has been involved with the Air Force's Community Partnership Program being hosted by Dobbins. The initiative looks for ways to find creative ways to leverage local and Air Force resources for the benefit of each.

4. Von Hagel reviewed Air Traffic and Customs Facility activity.

**b. Hawthorne Global Aviation Services –**

1. Von Hagel reported for the FBO that the movie, Rampage, was filmed for several days during the last month. The activity was a success.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. Airport Master Plan Update –** Von Hagel confirmed that the Airport Master Plan had been submitted to the State for initial completion review. The airport has not received comments from the State yet. State comments and an updated Airport Master Plan document to address the comments is expected before the next Board Meeting. Additionally, Kimley-Horn has been contracted by the County DOT to study alternatives for connecting McCollum Parkway and Kennesaw Due West Road. The airport is a stakeholder in the process along with many other entities including the City of Kennesaw. A road project to improve the connectivity between the two roads could provide the opportunity to upgrade the western runway safety area to FAA standards as proposed in the Master Plan.
- b. Noise Abatement Review –** Von Hagel reported that he plans to meet with based corporate pilots to discuss the value of the FAA's potential new approach paths to the airport that are 3 and 15 degrees off runway alignment. A follow-up general discussion by Members resulted in a consensus to continue the effort to research and discuss noise abatement opportunities, while recognizing that the greatest noise abatement relief is being brought about by aircraft manufacturers.
- c. North Apron Expansion and Rehabilitation Project –** Von Hagel updated the board on the progress of the project. The 25 acre project is currently 90% complete. The project is expected to be substantially complete in the next couple of weeks.
- d. Approach Lighting Project (MALSF) –** Von Hagel updated the board on the progress of the project. Construction is 95% completed, however activation is pending the completion of the FAA' final review of the MALSF system and what actions or adjustments may be needed to certify the system.
- e. Town Center Area CID Aviation Noonday Creek Trail Park –** Von Hagel announced that construction has begun and that the Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 23rd was a success.
- f. Airfield Remarketing Project –** Von Hagel reported that the work has been completed.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) –** Von Hagel reported that Croy Engineering has been contracted to conduct an airspace study of the proposed ARFF Station site and produce a site plan for the proposed Airport ARFF Station. The project is expected to take approximately three months.

VII. Next Meeting/Adjourn:

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chair Rowe and Mr. Von Hagel thanked Sean King and Carter Chapman for their service on the Airport Advisory Board. Both Members are moving from the State.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7th, 2017, at 4:00 pm; location Airport Admin Bldg.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. King, seconded by Mayor Easterling. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 pm.

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Approved