

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 2, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Airport Administration Building**

**Present of the Board:**

Roger Taylor, Pilots, Chair  
C.B. Fair, District I, Vice-Chair  
Clark Hungerford, Development Authority  
Milton Dortch, District II  
Kellie Dennison, Hawthorne Global Aviation  
Chip Kaczynski, District III  
Alisha Smith, Town Center Area CID

**Representing Cobb County:**

Karl Von Hagel, Airport Manager  
Drew Raessler, Interim DOT Director

**Absent of the Board:**

Derek Easterling, Mayor Kennesaw  
Enrico Washington, Chairman Appt., Secretary  
Joseph Oyeyemi, District IV  
JoAnn Birrell, Commissioner BOC

**I. Call to Order:**

Chair Taylor called meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**II. Airport Board Business:**

- a. **June Minutes** - Von Hagel presented the minutes from the June 7, 2021 board meeting. Motion made by Mr. Fair to approve, seconded by Mr. Kaczynski, all members in favor.
- b. **New Member** – Von Hagel introduced Kellie Dennison as the new FBO Member on the Board replacing Dave Kucko who recently received a promotion to Vice President of FBO Operations. Ms. Dennison is the new General Manager of the RYY Hawthorne location.

**III. General Status Report:**

**a. Airport –**

- 1. **Airport Certification Infrastructure Audit** – Von Hagel discussed the airport audit findings. While the report is still being finalized, the audit identified a need for \$500,000 of airfield marking and signage upgrades needed to meet the minimum requirements for an Airport Limited Operating Certificate. The FAA believes that the additional \$20 million of improvements identified for taxiway separation standards are within the FAA's discretion to not require or could be worked around. The airport is compiling the administrative efforts and estimated cost to include along with the report and will present a full report at next meeting. If the airport were to pursue a limited operating certificate, then unscheduled certificated charter aircraft would be able to land at the airport, such as the KSU sport teams' charters.
- 2. **Air Traffic Review** - Von Hagel reviewed Air Traffic and Customs Facility activity. RYY traffic has grown in both the last 6 month and 12-month periods. Von Hagel discussed the Group III traffic and Customs showed a record quarter of activity.

**b. Hawthorne Global Aviation Services –**

1. **New Based Aircraft** – Dennison shared that the FBO is at occupancy and the FBO continues to receive calls for space.
2. **Commemorative Air Force** – Dennison shared that the Commemorative Air Force has contacted her about visiting the airport again soon since they had such a successful visit in May.
3. **Georgia Business Aviation Association** – Dennison announced that the GBAA will be holding a networking luncheon and static display on the airport again this year. Up to 12 aircraft may be on display. The event is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. This has been an excellent event in the past to host Aviation Professionals from all over the State.

**IV. Old Business:**

- a. **Environmental Assessment (EA) / Permitting** – Von Hagel reported that a meeting was held between the FAA, State and Airport to discuss status of the EA. The FAA is withholding finalizing the EA until the Taxiway A relocation MOS is finalized. Until a buildable solution for Taxiway A relocation is agreed upon, the FONSI will be delayed by the FAA. There are not any environmental roadblocks to completing the document. The FAA did state the Airport was free to schedule the projects in the EA as it desired, meaning that contrary to previous directions from the FAA, the Airport may focus on segments of Taxiway B prior to relocating Taxiway A. This is discussed further in the ACIP topic later in the meeting.
- b. **Taxiway A Relocation Project / Modification of Standards (MOS)** – Von Hagel reported that the FAA preliminary review of the 321' separation is not initially supported by the FAA. The FAA recommended a horseshoe design to circumvent the Taxiway A bridge site. Von Hagel does not support the recommended horseshoe design. After discussion, the FAA agreed to revisit the 321' MOS request with more detail information provided. Von Hagel presented a second preference to construct the new taxiway with the eastern third of the taxiway at 400' while the western 2/3 would be at 321' to avoid north apron impacts and the need for a bridge. It is expected the FAA will take up to six months to review the application after it has been formally submitted.
- c. **Taxiway B Rehabilitation Project** - Von Hagel reported that engineering is underway for the Taxiway B Rehabilitation Project. Geotech evaluation has been completed and pavement design alternatives are being developed for the rehabilitation. Taxiway B between B2-B5 has a PCI rating of 65 out of 100 which will compete well for funding in FY22. The design work has begun.
- d. **Southeast Hangar Site** – Von Hagel reported that the design of the site plan is 99% complete. Waiting for Georgia Power and FAA comments to finalize the package. State funding is not likely available for the \$1 million development of the site. The BOC approved negotiating with Hawthorne to develop the site as part of larger negotiations to update the FBO Lease.

- e. **Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Storage / Airport Maintenance Facility** – Von Hagel reported that the BOC approved an agreement for the design of the facility. The Agreement is currently in the execution phase and design will begin shortly after. The Airport is planning to replace the existing Airport Maintenance Building with a new metal building that will include a bay for the ARFF vehicle.
- f. **Air Traffic Control Tower Generator** – Von Hagel reported that the ATCT Generator Replacement Project is expected to be completed this month. The electrical components have been installed for several months waiting for the generator but due to nationwide supply constraints the generator has not been available to be delivered.
- g. **Transient Landing Fee Concept** - Von Hagel announced that the Board of Commissioners will consider the Landing Fee Policy at its August 12 Meeting. The Policy implements the transient landing fee beginning January 1, 2022.

#### **V. New Business**

- a. **Airfield Maintenance Project** - Von Hagel announced that the State has notified the airport that the FY22 Grant request for airfield maintenance to include crack seal, remarking, rubber removal and runway joint sealing will be awarded. The scope and fee for a design agreement is underway and construction work is expected to begin next spring.
- b. **Airport Five Year Capital Plan Update** – Von Hagel presented a first draft of the annual ACIP Update. With the new information from the FAA that the Taxiway relocation projects could be segmented as the Airport desires, Taxiway B Phase 1 is being presented as the first construction project related to the taxiway relocations. Relocating the east end of Taxiway B would remove glideslope shelter as an obstacle to large aircraft on that segment of Taxiway B. Von Hagel reviewed the phasing and projects in the first three years in detail. A final draft will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **VI. Public/Member Comment**

A brief discussion was held regarding the future of vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and what new aircraft designs might be operating in the 3-5 year future. Von Hagel shared that the FAA is currently addressing what design standards might be published to accommodate the future aircraft and what operating standards might be necessary to serve the public.

#### **VII. Next Meeting/Adjourn:**

The next meeting is scheduled is for Monday, October 4, 2021, at 4:00 pm. Motion made by Mr. Hungerford to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Fair, all members in favor. Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:55 pm.

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Approved