

COBB COUNTY AIRPORT - MCCOLLUM FIELD
FBO/SASO/SAFETY MEETING
MINUTES
April 3rd, 2008 1:30 P.M.
CONTROL TOWER CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendance:

Karl Von Hagel	Cobb County Airport
Mike Padgett	Control Tower
Dan Kendall	DLK Aviation
Andy Zimmerman	FAA Designated Aviation Safety Counselor

1. Control Tower

a. Operations

Von Hagel reported that the Traffic count for March was 7,354. Take off and landings were 26% below last March. The Traffic year to date is 22,582, which is 1% below the previous year to date. The loss of Silver State Helicopter Training Traffic affected local traffic pattern volumes and the overall trend is returning to the 2006 traffic volumes.

b. ATC Manager's Report

Padgett reported that Air Traffic Controller Kevin Howard has transferred to Fulton County Airport. Padgett expects to fill the vacancy around mid-May.

2. Airport Capital Projects

a. Taxiway A Rehabilitation/Stormwater Piping Project

The Stormwater Piping and Taxiway A rehabilitation projects continue. A construction advisory NOTAM is in place. Expect extended closures of portions of Taxiway A as work continues. The project is expected to be completed by the end of May. The Project time is longer than was expected due to the delays that are the result of the continued wet conditions. The contractor is grading the islands between the taxiway A and Runway during the nighttime hours. The runway will remain operational and the equipment will pull back as necessary. The Taxiway overlay portion of the project is expected to begin next week.

b. Runway Improvement Project

A meeting was held on February 26th with FBO/SASOs to review the draft construction phasing plans that are bidding. The FBO/SASOs suggested using displaced thresholds during construction and investigate using Dobbins during closures. The plan that has been bid provides for a displaced thresholds resulting in 4,000' of useable runway for approximately 23 of the 47 construction days. Dobbins has been contacted to discuss what opportunities may be available to operate from the ARB. The final bid package includes multiple phasing schedules and bidding elements to provide the best opportunity to obtain federal funding. The contract bid opening date was delayed til April 24th.

c. Control Tower Equipment

Von Hagel reported that an engineering agreement is being presented to the Board to have a comprehensive bid document created for new control tower equipment, if funding becomes available

3. FAA Projects

a. REIL Out of Service

Von Hagel reported that the contractor damaged the REIL cables and discussions have concluded with the FAA as to how the REILs were to be repaired. A contractor has been hired and a schedule is forthcoming to complete the work.

4. Old Business

a. Beautification Program

Von Hagel presented a landscape plan for the movement area of the airport. The plan will be reviewed by others in the County and the FAA before being considered for implementation. If anyone has a suggestion of an aesthetic improvement for RYY please forward the idea to Von Hagel for consideration.

b. Northside Aviation Hangar Development

Von Hagel reported that the Board approved Northside Aviation's engineering plans for the redevelopment of the portable T-Hangar area along McCollum Parkway. The plans are currently in the permitting process. A construction schedule is being prepared by Northside.

5. New Business

a. Rotating Beacon

Von Hagel reported that the Airport staff has not been able to repair the beacon. The same airfield lighting contractor that will be repairing the REIL will repair the beacon.

b. New Date for FBO/SASO Meeting

Von Hagel asked for input on the idea of changing the meeting date to increase participation. After discussion Von Hagel announced that beginning in May the meeting will be regularly held on the first Wednesday of each month.

6. Safety

None.

7. Open Discussion

None.

8. Tentative Next Meeting (Check next agenda to confirm time and place)