

COBB COUNTY AIRPORT - MCCOLLUM FIELD
FBO/SASO/SAFETY MEETING
MINUTES
May 7th, 2008 1:30 P.M.
CONTROL TOWER CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendance:

Karl Von Hagel	Cobb County Airport
Dan Kendall	DLK Aviation
Rick Young	FlightWorks
Truitt Harper	Lockheed Flying Club
Bob Kitner	Superior Flight School

1. Control Tower

a. Operations

Von Hagel reported that the Traffic count for April was 7,674. Take off and landings were 13% below last April. The Traffic year to date is 29,231, which is 4% below the previous year to date. Transient traffic experienced a nearly 20% decline from the previous year April. Fuel prices are considered a significant factor in the decline.

b. ATC Manager's Report

Von Hagel reported that Russell Rhoades from LZU has been hired as a new Air Traffic Controller. Rhoades is currently checked out on ground and is expected to be fully checked out by the end of the month.

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

Von Hagel reported that bids have been received. Von Hagel presented the information and discussion revolved around the possibility of the grading activity for the runway widening being conducted during the night (8pm-6am) for about 4 months, while concrete paving would be installed around November. The engineers will be discussing with the concrete pavers a schedule that permits the grading to be done at night and the paving to be conducted as a complete shutdown or a displaced threshold and complete shutdown. A meeting will be scheduled for operators in the next week or two to present as much information as possible.

c. Control Tower Equipment

Von Hagel reported that a bid package for the replacement of air traffic control tower equipment is currently out to bid. The package includes an ATIS transmitter. Bids are due May 22. No federal funding is available at this time but funding is being pursued.

3. FAA Projects

a. REIL Out of Service

Von Hagel reported that the contractor is scheduled to arrive next week to repair the damaged REIL cables.

4. Old Business

a. Beautification Program

Von Hagel presented a landscape plan for the movement area of the airport. The plan is being reviewed by others in the County and the FAA. 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 redevelopment of the portable T-Hangar area along McCollum Parkway is still in the permitting process. A construction schedule is being prepared by Northside.

c. Rotating Beacon

Von Hagel reported that a contractor had repaired the Beacon from a lightning strike but another element has failed. Each time a component has been repaired a new component has failed. A different lighting contractor has been hired to continue the repairs on a more timely fashion. The contractor is expected this week. The group emphasized the importance of the Beacon to Von Hagel and asked that its importance be elevated.

5. New Business

a. Airport Advisory Board

Von Hagel announced that the Board would be considering creating an Airport Advisory Board at its next regular meeting on May 13th. The Board's responsibilities would revolve around high level planning elements..

b. Remark Change in AFD

Von Hagel reported that the Remark in the AFD regarding the prior permission required for aircraft with greater than 80' wingspan is being removed. Now that the South Parallel Taxiway has been constructed, the control tower will direct these aircraft to taxi on Taxiway B. The original cause of the Remark was the proximity of Taxiway A to the Runway and there was no alternative to taxiing aircraft on Taxiway A prior to Taxiway B being completed.

c. New Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

Von Hagel reported that a new Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan has been produced. Those operators required to comply with the Storm Water Act and wish to be part of the Airport Plan will be contacted to attend a brief meeting reviewing the content of the new Plan. Von Hagel is waiting for a video to be delivered before scheduling the meeting.

d. Pavement Management Report

Von Hagel presented the Pavement Management Report. Airports that receive federal funds are required to maintain a Pavement Management Plan. The report contains the condition of all the pavement on the airport and a recommended repair schedule. Von Hagel will provide operators copies of these areas.

e. Helicopter Site

Von Hagel announced that he is developing a planning agreement with The LPA Group to review the site at the northeast end of the airport as a possible helicopter development site. This is approximately 3 acres of land east of the powerlines.

f. Threshold Siting Study

Von Hagel announced that he is developing a planning agreement with The LPA Group to review the existing displaced threshold locations. A study of the approaches will determine the possibility of relocating the thresholds.

6. Safety

None.

7. Open Discussion

Kendall asked the status of the FlightWorks development at Entrance A. Von Hagel reported that FlightWorks is expecting construction equipment to be on site by the end of May.

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