

COBB COUNTY AIRPORT - MCCOLLUM FIELD
FBO/SASO/SAFETY MEETING
MINUTES

November 5th, 2008 1:30 P.M.
CONTROL TOWER CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendance:

Karl Von Hagel	Cobb County Airport
Joe Gravalec	Superior Flight School
Rick Young	FlightWorks
Bob Kitner	Superior Flight School
Dave Sprayberry	DLK Aviation
Jeff Beale	Superior Flight School
Andrew Ash	Preferred Jet Center
Truitt Harper	Lockheed Flying Club

1. Control Tower

a. Operations

Von Hagel reported that the Traffic count for October was 5,633. Take off and landings were 48% below last October. The Traffic year to date is 71,445, which is 27% below the previous year to date. Touch and Go traffic experienced a 75% decline while transient traffic experienced a 21% decrease from the previous year's October. Fuel prices, the economy, the night time runway closures and the loss of Silver State Helicopters are considered significant factors in the decline of training and local flying.

b. ATC Manager's Report : None.

2. Airport Capital Projects

a. Runway Improvement Project

Von Hagel reported that night-time grading operations are complete and paving operations are gearing up.

The 21 day closure for the concrete paving of the runway will begin on November 10th at 12:01 am local and the runway is scheduled to reopen on December 1st.

Taxiway A will be used as a temporary 3,700' runway during daytime VFR weather conditions only during the 21 day runway closure. The temporary runway will be marked Rnwy 8-26. Aircraft will be limited to local small aircraft weighing 12,500 pounds or less and no jet operations. Flight training operations are to be conducted by an instructor and the instructor must perform all take off and landings. Touch and Go operations and other training operations are not permitted. The airport will work to make the temporary runway available as much as possible, but the contractor will have the right to close the temporary runway as work requires. At minimum it is expected the temporary runway will not be available 2-3 days in the first week and 2-3 days in the last week. The airport will endeavor to provide as much notice as possible in advance of impacts to the temporary runway. The contractor has agreed to provide notice to the County as soon as it knows whether the temporary runway will be closed for a period and will endeavor to provide at least three days notice of an impending closing when possible.

There will only be a few days of access to the temporary runway from the south aprons. Preferred Jet Center is working with Northside Aviation to identify ramp space on the north apron for south patrons to temporarily locate. Contact Preferred Jet Center for further details.

A runway ribbon cutting has been scheduled for 0930, December 2, 2008 at the GSP Apron.

c. Capital Improvement Program

Von Hagel discussed the Airport Capital Improvement Program and described the next two years of priority projects as supported by the Airport Advisory Board. FY09 priority would be the taxiway B from B1 to B2 straightening and the south apron expansion project as an add on. FY10 priority would be the approach lighting system, extend Taxiway A&B westward and north apron expansion as the add on.

3. FAA Projects

a. New ILS Approach Procedures for new Runway

Von Hagel reported that the FAA has scheduled the flightcheck for the new ILS approach to the new runway centerline during the first week of December. A new ILS approach procedure is required because the runway centerline shifts 12.5' and the pavement will be raised 8". Flightcheck must approve the new approach by the January 10th flightcheck deadline to make the March 12th approach procedure publication. If the relocated localizer passes flightcheck by January 10th the new approach will be published in the March 12th approach publication.

b. New Non-Precision Approach Procedures for new Runway

Von Hagel reported he has received word from the FAA that the RNAV approaches are expected to be available immediately following the 1st week of December flightcheck . The FAA has not been able to provide a definitive answer regarding the availability of the VOR approach.

4. Old Business

a. First Class Airport Program

Von Hagel reported that he has met with the FBOs to discuss a Plan that will combine many facets of the airport: including infrastructure, service and image, into one plan with the goal of improving any areas that do not meet the County's desire of providing a "first class airport". Von Hagel announced that he would be interested in anyone sharing their suggestions or comments.

b. Northside Aviation Hangar Development

Von Hagel reported that the redevelopment of the portable T-Hangar area along McCollum Parkway is progressing. All the portable T-hangars in the affected area are expected to have been removed by the end of the week.

c. Threshold Siting Study

Von Hagel reported that the Airport Advisory Board recommends proceeding with a study to review the existing displaced threshold locations. A study of the approaches will determine the possibility of relocating the thresholds to possibly gain usable runway length.

d. Helicopter Site

Von Hagel reported that the Airport Advisory Board recommends proceeding with a study 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.

e. Next Generation Aircraft Study

Von Hagel reported that the Airport Advisory Board recommends proceeding with a study to assess the existing airport geometry and compare with the airfield geometry standards associated with a new class of corporate aircraft. The result would create an operations plan that will be implemented upon the arrival of an aircraft that may exceed the airport's design criteria.

5. New Business

a. New Airport Maintenance Pole Barn

Von Hagel reported that a new maintenance pole barn is being constructed in the southeast corner of the airport. This area is being constructed to house airport maintenance equipment such as tractors and mowers and remove them from the view of the public areas.

6. Safety

7. Open Discussion

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