

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

Attendance:

Karl Von Hagel	Cobb County Airport
Mike Padgett	Air Traffic Control Tower
Joe Gravalec	Superior Flight School
Rick Young	FlightWorks
Bob Kitner	Superior Flight School
Daniel Christman	Aero Atlanta Flight School
Andy Zimmerman	FAA Designated Safety Counselor

1. Control Tower

a. Operations

Padgett reported that the Traffic count for August was 6,320. Take off and landings were 47% below last August. The Traffic year to date is 58,948, which is 24% below the previous year to date. Touch and Go traffic experienced a 72% decline while transient traffic experienced a 21% decrease from the previous year's August. Fuel prices, the economy, and the loss of Silver State Helicopters are considered significant factors in the decline of training and local flying.

b. ATC Manager's Report

Padgett reported that air traffic control staff is still short, one controller needs to be hired and one air traffic controller is in training. Because of the short staff, pilots may notice that ground control and local control being combined more often than usual. Once the new controllers are fully qualified, frequency separation will become more commonplace.

2. Airport Capital Projects

a. Runway Improvement Project

Von Hagel reported that grading operations continue. The contractor is working 6 nights per week, Monday thru Saturday from 8pm to 6am. The contract time is through October 31. Sunday nights have not been closed but the contractor does have the right to work on a Sunday night if necessary, such as to make up time for bad weather. The contractor will provide notice to the County as soon as it knows whether a runway will not be closed for a particular night and will endeavor to provide three day notice when a Sunday night closure will be necessary.

The 21 day closure for the paving of the runway is expected to begin on November 10th.

The FAA has provided a letter outlining the requirements for using Taxiway A as a temporary runway during the 21 days of full-time runway closures expected in November. Airport insurance carrier is reviewing and then negotiations may be conducted with the contractor.

b. Control Tower Equipment

Von Hagel reported that funding was not available from the FAA from the first grant program that expired June 30th. Congress has authorized a second grant program that expires on September 30th and the air traffic control tower equipment bid is eligible to compete for funding. The sole bid was for \$188,000. The package also includes an ATIS transmitter. Funding is not likely for this year.

3. FAA Projects

None.

4. Old Business

a. Beautification Program

Von Hagel reported that the Bermuda grass seed has done well. The new construction sites will also have Bermuda seed applied.

If anyone has a suggestion of additional aesthetic improvements 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 has been permitted and steel for the hangars has been delivered. Northside Aviation expects to begin construction in approximately 30-40 days in the portable T-hangar area. Affected aircraft are being offered space in the new hangars.

c. Airport Advisory Board

Von Hagel announced that eight of the nine Board Members have been appointed. The Board of Commissioners will select the pilot member to the Airport Advisory Board. The 9 member board will meet at least quarterly and the first meeting is scheduled for October 6th, 2008.

d. 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 attended a meeting to review the content of the plan. Commercial operators that provide fueling service or aircraft maintenance are affected. Pilots who wish to perform aircraft maintenance on their own aircraft must register with their FBO and receive instruction on approved locations and location of absorbent materials.

5. New Business

6. Safety

7. Open Discussion

Zimmerman announced that the FAA has the new Safety Program up and running and new safety seminar should be coming soon.

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

AIRPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS (not discussed at meeting)

DLK Aviation was awarded the Cirrus Service Center of the Quarter

Elevation Chophouse is preparing for the Holiday Season with special offers.