

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

May 6th, 2009 1:30 P.M.

CONTROL TOWER CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendance:

Karl Von Hagel	Cobb County Airport
Mike Padgett	RYY Control Tower
Joe Gravelec	Superior Flight School
Greg Bricker	Lockheed Flying Club
Andy Manning	Superior Flight School
Dan Kendall	DLK Aviation
Rick Young	FlightWorks
Andrew Ash	Preferred Jet Center

1. Control Tower

a. Operations

Padgett reported that the Traffic count for April was 5,420. Take off and landings were 18% below last April. The Traffic year to date is 20,847, which is 28% below the previous year to date.

b. ATC Manager's Report

Padgett reported that all the open items from the Runway Safety Team Meeting last month have been closed. Padgett reported that the tower is sometimes having difficulty receiving transmissions from hand held radios. The airport is working on the problem.

2. Airport Capital Projects

a. Runway Improvement Project

Von Hagel reported that the runway grooving has been completed. The permanent marking of the runway was slowed due to weather. The completion of the marking is scheduled for the Saturday and Sunday nights of May 30th and 31st from 10 pm – 6 am. The Runway closures for the marking activity begin at 10pm sharp so plan accordingly

b. Control Tower Equipment Upgrade/Replacement

Von Hagel reported that the project is planned to be advertised for bid in June. If funding is provided from the State and the FAA, the replacement would likely take place in the fall.

c. South Parallel Taxiway Realignment Project

Von Hagel reported that engineering is nearly complete for the realignment of Taxiway B from B-1 to B-2, the expansion and overlay of the south apron, and the construction of the south holding apron. Plans will be advertised for bid in June allowing for construction this year if funding is identified.

3. FAA Projects

a. Instrument Approach Procedures

Von Hagel reported that the FAA has determined that the existing glideslope can not be re-certified. The FAA has been unable to bring the electronic readings into tolerance with the five flightchecks completed to date. The FAA will be conducting additional tests and will provide the airport with options within the next couple of weeks. Once an acceptable option is identified a schedule can be created. The runway widening is not the cause. There is some unknown terrain feature approximately 3 miles on approach to the airport that has always been an issue but has recently become insurmountable for the existing glideslope antenna.

b. PAPI

Von Hagel reported the Rwy 27 PAPI was struck by lightning. The FAA has crews working on the system trying to identify the failures. One known failure is that the power cable has shorted and is being replaced. Once the power cable is replaced the rest of the system will be troubleshot for additional failures.

c. RACD

Von Hagel reported that the Radar Display was out of service for a couple of weeks. The FAA had a difficult time identifying the failed part/s, and ultimately replaced the entire CPU with a new unit. The radar is now operating normally.

d. AWOS

Von Hagel reported that the AWOS temperature and dewpoint measuring capability was out of service for a short period of time. The replacement parts were ordered and installed by the FAA, and the AWOS is now fully functional.

4. Old Business

a. Northside Hangar Construction

Von Hagel reported that the 17 new 60x60 hangars being constructed by Northside Aviation has been slowed considerably by rain.

5. New Business

a. Storm Water Annual Inspection

Von Hagel reported that the Cobb County Water Department conducted an annual review of the airport's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. The review was thorough and a follow up report is expected with corrective actions. Von Hagel will distribute the corrective action items to the appropriate entities upon receipt.

b. Engine Run-ups

Von Hagel reminded everyone that engine run-ups at greater than 2000 rpm are not to be conducted on the aprons. Aircraft operators should contact ground control and request permission to conduct a ground run-up in the movement area.

c. Project of the Year Award

Von Hagel announced that the Runway Widening Project has been awarded the 2009 SEC-AAAE General Aviation Project of the Year. The Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives includes 12 states in the southeast.

6. Safety

7. Open Discussion

None.

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