

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 1, 2018**

10/1/2018 - Minutes

1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Katherine Rogers, Chair; Chuck Clegg; Clarke Gerard; Robert Ohlinger, John Lodge; Barbara Pelisek

**Ex Officio:** Curtis Gibson, City Commissioner

**Guests:** Bobby Barton, Wilbur Mathurin, Michael Moon

**Staff:** Teresa Allen, Public Services Director; Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

Chair Katherine Rogers called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

2. Approval Of Minutes

The minutes of the special meeting on September 4, 2018 were reviewed. Chuck Clegg made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Bobby Barton, resident from Winter Haven with a business in Lake Wales, said that he is looking for a Corporate Hangar in Lake Wales. He said that he heard from Jared that funding is not available for the hangars. If hangars can't be built then he requests a 20 year ground lease and he will build a hangar. He wants to consolidate his two planes into one larger plane and the only place for it currently is Lakeland. He said it would be inconvenient to drive to Lakeland for this plane. There is not enough space in Bartow hangars. A question was asked how much size he needed. Mr. Barton said a 60x60. He has a business just outside Lake Wales where they grow watermelons. Possible costs of this hangar were discussed. Chair expressed support for more corporate hangars.

4. Airport Updates - Jared DeLong

In the absence of Jared DeLong Teresa Allen, Public Services Director, gave the updates to the Airport.

**Runway 6/24 Extension & Resurface** - Ms. Allen reported that they are just about complete with the grooving then the striping and then the punch list. There was a question as to when the runway will be open. Ms. Allen answered that we don't have a date yet but they will plan a ribbon cutting.

**Corporate Hangar Construction** - Ms. Allen reported that the prices for the hangars came in higher than anticipated. She and Mr. DeLong will meet with the Finance Director to get some direction as to how to proceed but the Corporate Hangars will happen this fiscal year. This is a big priority. There is some funding available but not enough. Ms. Allen said she will meet with Mr. Barton and explained that there are areas on the master plan available for ground leases. Costs of hangars were discussed.

**Aviation Fuel System Upgrades** - Ms. Allen said that this must also be discussed with the Finance Director as this is also a priority. She will keep the Authority up do date.

**Airport Staff Changes** - Ms. Allen reported that interviews will begin for a new maintenance person this week.

Ms. Allen reported on the issues with Aviator PPG and said that according to the FAA they are not in violation of any FAA regulations concerning Aviator PPG. They are trying to work with Aviator and FAA so

they can operate safely. Aviator PPG has one more year on their contract before renegotiation. Safety concerns regarding the paramotors were discussed.

Chuck Clegg asked about Betty Hill's skydiving operation if they are leaving or staying. Ms. Allen said that their leaving isn't certain. They wanted to renegotiate the contract but the City said no. So they may or may not stay but the City has received no formal notification yet.

Ms. Pelisek asked what the next project is. Ms. Allen said the taxiways are next, the contracts are approved and the Pre-Construction meetings are on Friday.

5. FBO REPORT - Jared DeLong

Ms. Allen reviewed the September report and said some figures are inaccurate and the correct ones are in the financial report. The report is attached to these minutes.

6. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

No updates.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is November 5, 2018.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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City Clerk