

**HONDO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
June 24, 2008**

The Hondo Municipal Airport Advisory Board met in regular session at 10:05 a.m. on the 24th day of June, 2008 at City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Ave. M, Hondo, Texas.

Present: Chairman Michael Corrigan, Aniceto Colunga, Mark Sunderman, Larry Meredith, Sean Nooner, Miles Lee, Tim Fousse, Airport Manager, and Sandra Rodriguez, Meeting Coordinator.

Public in Attendance: Lucio Torrez, Councilmember

1. Call to Order

Chairman Corrigan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Quorum Check

3. Review and approve minutes of April 22, 2008 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Colunga, seconded by Mr. Sunderman to approve the minutes with the changes. Motion carried; All Ayes.

4. Update on the Airport Terminal Building Project:

- The terminal building project is now entering construction day 54.
- The project is approximately 12 to 14 days behind the original construction schedule – due mostly to issues laying out the plumbing within the foundation.
- The slab has been poured and building framing is scheduled to start today.
- A new construction schedule is due from the contractor today and it is anticipated that the project should be completed approximately 4 to 6 days past the original completion date of Oct. 1.

Mr. Fousse stated that they keep a log of the site visits and take pictures for future reference if needed. He also stated that the grand opening is planned for the end of October. He also described the terminal building in detail

5. Update on the Runway Rehabilitation Project:

- The engineering report on the current condition of the runway and supporting base materials is due from KSA Engineers in late August 2008.
- This report should include a proposed method of rehabilitation or reconstruction and an estimated cost for the recommended work.

Mr. Fousse reported the TxDOT is currently facing a funding crisis. However, the City of Hondo project is secure as of right now.

Mr. Meridith asked if KSA took new core samples. Mr. Fousse stated that Fugro

Engineering and Rodriguez Engineering took the samples. The board continued discussing funding issues.

6. Update on the Hondo International Flight Training Academy:

- The Hondo City Council has granted the City Manager the authority to enter into a long term lease with Wright Flyers, Inc. to develop Hondo International Flight Training Academy.
- There have been two meetings to determine the expected parameters of the lease and it is anticipated that a lease will be signed in the next 45 days.
- H.I.F.T.A anticipates an initial investment of 2.1 million dollars to start this project.
- Initial employment estimates are 35 employees for Phase 1, an additional 40 for Phase 2, and 45 more for Phase 3.
- Phase 1 will include 10 aircraft, Phase 2 an additional 12 aircraft and 14 more for Phase 3. The majority of these aircraft will be Cessna 172's.
- Initial fuel purchasing estimates indicate that Phase 1 of the school will consume over 110,000 gallons of aviation gasoline per year.

Mr. Fousse informed the board that Wright Flyers, Inc. is coming in as a fully funded project. However, they are willing to accept any incentives that the City is willing to offer them. Mr. Fousse also informed the board that they will initially be setting up temporary buildings and then looking at building a 26,000 sq. ft. hangar building at the east end of the north ramp.

Mr. Torrez asked how many aircraft they will have. Mr. Fousse stated that they would be phasing in a total of 36 aircraft. They continued the discussion regarding student housing and the economic impact this project will have on the City of Hondo.

7. Airport Manager's Report: (Discussion Items only)

Maintenance and Operations Issues:

▪ **Runway and Ramp Maintenance:**

Due to the lack of rain, the crew has had an opportunity to catch up on mowing and weed control. They have gotten every runway within the last 45 days. The City has advertised for a seasonal part-time employee for the airport.

▪ **Grounds Maintenance:**

Crews have pulled out 7 slabs this year at the airport. It is an ongoing process; makes it easier to maintain the area and better for showing available land. A site that still needs work is the 24 acre site south of Rusty's; having trouble getting a burn permit from the County.

Mr. Meridith asked about soil remediation by the Old Gary Aircraft. Mr. Fousse explained.

▪ **Building Maintenance:**

Crews worked on the a/c unit at the Air Force leased facility and installed a new front door at the Art League Building. All other facilities are ok.

▪ **RizoJet Avionics Hangar:**

That project is substantially complete. There are a few items that they need to come back and take care of. The new door is up and working properly.

▪ **Water System Upgrades**

Crews are finishing up the installation of the final water line for this year along Vandenburg. They are also installing 320 ft. of 8 in. water pipe. A new fire hydrant has been installed across the new terminal building. Another fire hydrant will be installed across the Corrigan hangars on Vandenburg. The City is continuing to budget money in the airport budget for water line upgrades at the airport to stop the water leaks and also replace the cast iron pipes with C-900 blue plastic pipe. The fire hydrant along the ramp area was replaced. We need to have good fire protection along that area.

Mr. Colunga asked if all the fire hydrants along the ramp are in working condition. Mr. Fousse stated that there are 6 or 7 fully operational hydrants along the west end of the ramp.

Mr. Meridith asked if the hydrants generate enough water pressure. Mr. Fousse stated that with the booster pumps on at Spatz, Castro etc., the City can maintain almost 62psi pressure in the system.

Fuel Sales:

- 100LL fuel sales totaled 38,890 gallons for F.Y. 08 – Oct. 1 thru June 23.
- JetA fuel sales totaled 42,501 gallons for F.Y. 2008 – Oct. 1 thru June 23.
- JetA fuel is currently being sold for \$4.95/gal. self- service and \$5.25/gal. full service;
- 100LL is currently being sold for \$4.84/gal self-service.

The board had a lengthy discussion regarding where to get low lead fuel.

Land Sales:

- We received two separate requests to sell two parcels of land, both being located east of Castro Street;

- One is approximately 5.5 acres and the second is approximately 11 acres;
- The bids received for these properties prices are ranging from \$15,000 to \$15,250 per acre;
- The 5.5 Acre parcel has already closed.
- The sale of the 11 acre tract of land has been cancelled, by the purchaser.
- We have been contacted by a possible business venture that is interested in approximately 200 acres of land.
- They have visited the site twice and we are awaiting there formal letter of interest.

The board and Mr. Fousse continued the discussion and several tracts of airport land were pointed out on the aerial map.

Environmental Remediation Projects:

- The “un-named tributary to the Elm Slough” Notice of Violation site has been completely remediated. We have received a letter form TCEQ indicating that the site is considered fully remediated and the Notice of Violation has been rescinded.
- The “north ramp” Notice of Violation site is in the final stage of remediation. A total of 360 cubic yards of material needed to be removed to clean the site. Additional testing was required to successfully deliver this material to a qualified landfill. A trace amount of beryllium was detected, requiring segregated disposal. The final remaining soil is to be removed over the next 30 days, and at that time the site will be considered fully remediated.

Mr. Fousse stated that the TCEQ has signed the long term agreement with the City of Hondo in reference to the level of responsibility over the next 10 years.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings A.A.B.

Mr. Fousse informed the board that a meeting regarding Wright Flyers, Inc. will be scheduled in the future and may be between regular Airport Board meetings. Mr. Colunga suggested that the entire Airport Advisory Board meet with the representative of Wright Flyers, Inc.

Mr. Fousse stated that if the board would like to meet more often or be more involved, that would be fine with him. However, the board guidelines need to be check.

9. Comments from Public:

None

10. Adjourn:

With no other business, Mr. Corrigan adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Minutes approved August 26, 2008.