

CITY OF LAKE CITY
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
January 25, 2018 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Committee Members

George Ward, Council Member – Chairman
Jake Hill, Council Member
Stephen Witt, Council Member/Mayor
Wendell Johnson, City Manager - absent
Grayson Cason, Assistant City Manager
Roland Luster, Airport Manager
Stephen Douglas, Columbia County Development Advisory Committee – absent
Bucky Nash, Columbia County Board of County Commission – absent

Others in attendance

Sharon Best – Florida Gateway College
Robert Bridges – Lake City Reporter
Brad Byrd – Operations Coordinator
Dr. Lawrence Barrett – Florida Gateway College
Taylor Gaines – Lake City Reporter
Fred Koberlein – City Attorney
Leroy Marshall – Suwannee River Water Management District
Mike McKee – Florida Gateway College
Lee Pinchouck – Florida Gateway College
Audrey Sikes – City Clerk

1. Call to Order
Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 5:23 P.M.
2. Roll Call
Chairman Ward asked Ms. Sikes to call roll. Attendance is indicated above.
3. Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2017
Mayor Witt made a motion to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
4. Approval of Agenda
Agenda was approved by general consent.
5. Removal of Trees on Airport Property
Mr. Luster discussed the concerns and needs for the removal of the trees on the property. Driver safety hazards, wildlife management and FAA regulations were identified as factors.

Mr. Luster went through a PowerPoint Presentation (portions protected via F.S. 119.071(3)(b)1).

Dr. Barrett and Mr. McKee of Florida Gateway College asked to address the following issues: trees, deer, Homeland Security and drainage. Dr. Barrett expressed concerns with additional noise, direct visual of the runway with 133 acres of trees being removed. Dr. Barrett feels there

are other solutions to the problem. Dr. Barrett inquired if the City had performed a Homeland Threat Assessment that recommended the removal of the trees. Members were provided a handout reflecting photos of an opening in the fence by a gully showing a large deer walking under the bottom of the fence. Dr. Barrett discussed concerns with flooding and the drainage ditch. He asked if the City would be maintaining that drainage ditch. Dr. Barrett appealed to the City to find other solutions to address the concerns in lieu of removing the trees.

Mr. Luster made a motion to recommend to City Council authorization to harvest the trees as proposed. Mr. Cason seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Luster	Aye
Mr. Cason	Aye
Mr. Hill	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye
Chairman Ward	Aye

6. Adding additional Airport Security Fencing
Mr. Luster discussed the areas to be repaired with the fencing and stated this would secure the area of concern depicted in the photo provided by the college. Mr. Luster reported the fencing project would not begin until after the removal of the trees. Dr. Barrett felt the fence needed to be fixed immediately. Chairman Ward concurred.

7. Status of new Airport Fuel Farm
Mr. Luster reported the bids were opened on January 16th and both were in excess of \$1million. It is the recommendation of staff to reject all bids and readdress the fuel farm.

Mr. Luster made a motion to reject the Fuel Farm bids. Mayor Witt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Luster	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye
Mr. Cason	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Chairman Ward	Aye

8. Status of new Corporate Hangar and Bulk Hangar
Mr. Luster provided a brief update. Bids will open on the 22nd.
9. Status of rehabilitation of Runway 10/28
Mr. Luster provided an update. The plan is to bid the end of May with application to the FAA in July.
10. Discuss the drainage water problems at the Florida Gateway College
Dr. Barrett discussed protecting the assets of the college and is concerned about the water drainage issues. He expressed concern about what would happen if and when the additional trees are cut/removed.

Mr. Luster stated the drainage in the area of concern follows the natural flow of the basin from North to South and there will be no impact due to the removal of the trees.

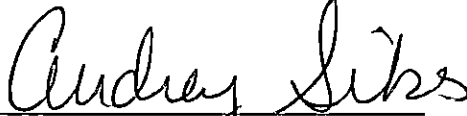
11. Other Business/Comments

None

12. Next Meeting TBD

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.


Audrey Sikes
Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk

Note: There is no audio recording for this meeting.