

ZEPHYRHILLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

November 18th, 2024

A Regular Airport Advisory Board meeting was held on November 18th, 2024, in the City of Zephyrhills Council Chambers. Bill Castle called the meeting to order. The members present were, Bill Castle, Matthew Laseter, Robert Page and Erik Meredith. Buzz Hohmann and David Inman were absent. City Staff: Nathan Coleman and Lucy Huber

1. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Matt Laseter moved to approve the minutes as presented from the May 20th, 2024, meeting. Erik Meredith seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. AIRPORT MANAGERS REPORT

- Mr. Coleman briefed the airport board regarding the repairs needed due to Hurricane Milton. There were 2 hangar doors that were damaged, and he let them know that it has been difficult to find someone to fix them. So, this is a pending project. Many of the repairs were in-house. Due to standing water the windsock repair is on hold. Revenue and operations are no longer affected.
- Regarding the additional fees that were discussed in the previous meeting, Nathan let the board know that he went with a fee that is already in place.
- The project including Taxiway Fox Trot, and the two Box Hangars have now proceeded forward but the new FBO project is on hold. Nathan said the city manager, Williams Poe, is still planning to speak to State Officials to seek the additional appropriations needed to complete the FBO. Otherwise, the project may be on hold until the airport can do a 50/50 grant with the FDOT.
- Runway 1-19 Rehab Project. The FDOT has agreed to the additional funding we had been waiting for. The estimated time to go out to bid may be late December 2024.
- There is one additional project that Mr. Coleman has been trying to get funding for, and he has recently submitted the grant application for it. This would be to redo the pavement along taxiway Bravo in front of the shade hangar, hangar 3 and hangar 4, also along taxiway E by the large private hangars. This is a 1.2-million-dollar project, and he will keep the board updated on the status.
- New T-Hangars are programmed for 2027, but DOT may or may not consider that an airport priority and may reject funding for them. If they reject funding, the airport cannot afford to execute the project. This is to be determined.
- There was some discussion regarding people leasing land to build their own hangars.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Fuel sales were reviewed. No action required. Mr. Coleman explained that in September we had a lightning strike that took a tremendous amount of time to repair. We had to pump off the truck during normal business hours for approximately 3 weeks. This affected our fuel sales tremendously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Matt Laseter moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Robert Page seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

