

ZEPHYRHILLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 20th, 2024

A Regular Airport Advisory Board meeting was held on May 20th, 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, David Inman and Erik Meredith. Dan Evans and Buzz Hohmann were absent. City Staff present were Nathan Coleman and Lucy Huber

1. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Erik Meredith moved to approve the minutes as presented from the February 19th, 2024, meeting. Matt Laseter seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. AIRPORT MANAGERS REPORT

Taxiway Fox Trot, Box Hangars and FBO Projects. The funding for these projects is estimated to be \$4.4 million short. The City Manager will speak with State Officials to seek additional funding.

Runway 1-19 Rehab Project. This project is \$1.3 million short. The FDOT has agreed to the additional funding needed, but the money will not be available until later in the year. The estimated time of the start date of the project is now January/February, 2025.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

Proposed Rate Increase Options.

Due to the current lack of available hangar facilities, flight clubs, flight schools and joint ownerships (of aircraft) have been on the rise and operating out of the t-hangars. This means these hangars will have several additional users per unit, impacting operational costs. To keep costs equitable to those hangars who have a single user, the board was asked to choose an option that would help cover those additional expenses and still enable them to operate in this way from the t-hangar units. The Airport Director provided 5 options to choose from.

After considerable discussion and questions the board agreed upon Option #5 which states:

Consider motion to approve (New fee) for commercial operator's plane storage, flight clubs and joint ownerships more than two operating out of private T- hangars, half hangars, shade hangars and tie downs, at a flat rate charge of **\$50.00** per month. **And an additional \$5.00** per month for T- hangars, half hangars, and \$30.00 per month for shade hangars.

Full T-hangar \$255.00 + \$5.00 = \$260.00 7% tax = \$278.20 W/ELEC **\$316.55**

Half hangar \$127.50 + \$5.00 = \$132.50 7% tax = \$141.775

Shade hangar \$125.00 + \$30.00 = \$155.00 7% tax = \$165.85 ELE /INC

Estimated increase per year for hangars = **\$11,520.00 + 9,000.00 =**

Option # 5 Estimated revenue increase per year \$20,520.00

Dave Inman moved to accept Option #5. Erik Meredith seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The target date to begin these rate increases will be October 2024.

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4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Fuel sales were reviewed. No action required.

5. AIRPORT BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member Bill Castle moved that long time Airport Board member Dan Evans be made Board Member Emeritus for one year, due to ongoing health issues that keep him from attending the meetings. Erik Meredith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.