

ZEPHYRHILLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2023

A Regular Airport Advisory Board meeting was held on August 21st, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the City of Zephyrhills Council Chambers. Buzz Hohmann called the meeting to order. The members present were Buzz Hohmann, Erik Meredith, Matthew Laseter and David Inman. Dan Evans, Kenneth Leslie and Bill Castle were absent. City staff included Airport Manager Nathan Coleman and Executive Administrative Assistant Lucy Huber.

1. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

Erik Meredith moved to approve the minutes of the 08/21/2023 board meeting. David Inman seconded. Minutes were approved.

2. BUSINESS ITEMS:

The Airport Manager updated the board on current projects and projected projects.

- Apron project is 95% complete.
- Waiting on core drills, etc. to establish the exact start date and type of construction of the 1-19 rehab project. There were questions regarding traffic patterns during the construction phase of this project. I.E., general traffic, skydiving operations, glider operations. It was suggested that a meeting will be held previous to starting the construction to discuss what would be the safest and best options for everyone to operate during the project.
- Design and Bidding phase are underway on the new FBO/Terminal project. The location of the new FBO was discussed and Mr. Coleman said he would like to get the airport boards input on design etc., as well as what would be the best kind of business to lease out the current FBO building. Possibly a restaurant? Size and cost of the new FBO were discussed. The exact time of completion is not known at this time.
- There will be 2 larger box hangar projects beginning soon as well, as part of the FBO project grant.
- Taxiway Foxtrot is on hold for now due to funding. Mr. Coleman is working with FAA for future funding of the construction of this taxiway because the current DOT funding will not be sufficient. The DOT funding will cover the new FBO/Terminal and box hangars and possibly complete the Design plans for the taxiway. If we are able to procure funding from the FAA, we will be able to complete the construction of taxiway Foxtrot at that time.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Steve Tisdale of 5823 Skimmer Pt. Blvd, Gulfport FL addressed the board.

Mr. Tisdale is a pilot at Tampa Bay Soaring Society (TBSS) and also skydives at Sky Dive City. He wanted to confirm that there would be regular meetings held previous to and during the construction phase of the 1-19 project. Mr. Coleman assured him there would be.

He asked how the project would be funded. Mr. Coleman told him it was 80% funded by the FDOT and 20% funded by the airport.

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Mr. Tisdale wanted to know where the future growth plan for the airport could be found. Lucy Huber told him that she would email him the ALP for the airport.

There was discussion regarding TBSS's ability to operate during the project. Mr. Tisdale said that he and other glider operators were concerned that with the runway closures, the gliders would have difficulty operating. Mr. Coleman said that although things may not be as convenient or as ideal as everyone would like them to be, that there would still be the ability to operate. He said that it is not possible to do a project like this without an impact on the users. Mr. Tisdale said that there was concern that having to operate on runway 05-23 would not be practical and add a lot of traffic. Mr. Coleman said that he understood the concern but the runway must be rehabbed and that everyone would have to work together to come up with a good and safe operating plan. Erik Meredith had a couple of suggestions but agreed that there would have to be further discussion as to how things will progress.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Fuel sales: Fuel Sales were reviewed and there was some discussion regarding Jet Fuel sales. Mr. Coleman said that with the two new box hangars being built, we could hopefully attract a couple of jet operators to the airfield, which would increase sales.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Matt Laseter *moved to adjourn the meeting and David Inman seconded.*
Meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.