



SAN ANGELO REGIONAL AIRPORT

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD – OFFICIAL MINUTES

For a meeting held Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the City Council Chambers located at the McNease Convention Center at 501 Rio Concho Drive San Angelo, TX 76903, at 1:30 PM.

Board Members Present

Col. Charles Powell	Patrick Nuytten	Robert Frank	Teresa Special
Fred Key	William Pritchard	Joseph Rallo	

Board Members Not Present

Others Present

Michael Dane	Jeremy Valgardson	Bruce Burkett
Janice Crimm	Kelena James	

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PLEDGE

Joseph Rallo leads the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

OPEN SESSION

Col. Charles Powell called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Powell welcomes Joseph Rallo who is the newest member of the Airport Advisory Board, as well as the new Airport Director, Jeremy Valgardson. Mr. Powell excused himself due to hearing troubles and turns the chair over to Fred Key. Mr. Key opens suggesting approval of the minutes from the last Airport Board Meeting from May 31, 2018. Mr. Patrick Nuytten motions to approve, with a second by Ms. Teresa Special; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment and the meeting was then turned over to Mr. Jeremy Valgardson, Airport Director and Mr. Joseph Rallo for their introductions. Mr. Key then turns the meeting over to Mr. Valgardson to discuss the next items on the agenda.

Amateur Radio Club (Raw Land Lease)

Mr. Valgardson explains that the Amateur Radio Club had a long term lease that had previously expired. The Amateur Radio Club is requesting a 10 year lease with no extensions at the rate of \$1.00 per year. This lease is a non-aeronautical, nonprofit government emergency support system. Due to low rate, the lease has a clause stating that the city has the right to terminate this lease at any given time if more

appropriate use of the land is requested. With no questions or comments made, Mr. Valgardson seeks council's approval. Mr. William Pritchard motions to approve, with a second by Ms. Special.

Civil Air Patrol (Raw Land Lease)

Mr. Valgardson explains that the Civil Air Patrol lease would be a lot like the Amateur Radio club. The Civil Air Patrol is requesting a 10 year lease with no extensions at the rate of \$1.00 per year. This is a Non-Aeronautical / Aeronautical, nonprofit aviation support and cadet development. They will be conducting weekly patrol meetings and drills. A slide was provided showing a proposed Civil Air Patrol Mobile Unit that measures 28x60.

Mr. Nuytten comments that the Civil Air Patrol is partnered with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Mr. Nuytten continues to state that they are extremely involved with the youth, community service, search and rescue, disaster relief and more. Part of the youth program includes taking the kids flying. With no remaining comments or questions, Mr. Valgardson seeks council approval. Mr. Nuytten motions to approve, with a second by Mr. Robert Frank.

American Eagle Aircraft Storage Program

Mr. Valgardson states that the airport (SJT) has previously and is currently working with American Eagle for storing some of their aircraft. The American Eagle Aircraft Storage Program consists of storing ERJ 140/145. They have a set maintenance schedule in place so the aircraft is constantly being touched and maintained. The schedule consists of: 14 days-general maintenance, 45 days – APU run, 90 days – engine run-up.

SJT is currently storing 6 of their aircraft on the commercial ramp at \$12/night (\$26,000/year). American Eagle is requesting that we store a total of 58 aircraft come October at \$8/day which is what Kingsman, AZ is charging. The current rate of \$12/night was adopted by city council on October 1st, 2017. Mr. Valgardson provided a breakdown of different rates based off of the 58 aircraft that would be stored. These amounts ranged from \$8/day (\$170,000/year) to \$12/day (\$255,000/year).

The Pros for participating in the storage program is that SJT would have unrestricted cash flow, brings more maintenance jobs to SJT, and use this cash to improve the landside infrastructure. The cons of participating could be an eye sore, it occupies a lot of the prime ramp for storage and could potentially turn into a bone yard.

Mr. Pritchard asks what was the amount previously stored? SJT previously stored 57 or 58. Did it bother anyone? No. Mr. Key points out even though it didn't turn into a bone yard previously that there was high concern it would now. Mr. Robert Frank suggests working aircraft only. Mr. Nuytten stated that Skyline currently has a disabled plane. Mr. Key wants to consider having a lease state that American Eagle cannot turn SJT into a bone yard. Having that many aircraft stored can make SJT look really busy or really bad. Mr. Key goes on to mention how Abilene had turned into a boneyard for quite some time and that he did not want that to happen here.

Mr. Valgardson asks the council what would be a fare rate? Kingsman is charging \$8/day but the aircraft is sitting in dirt. Mr. Rallo suggest a sliding Scale. Mrs. Janice Crimm states that city council had approved the \$12/day based on what other airports were charging. Mr. Key suggest keeping the rate at \$12/day. With no more questions or comments Mr. Valgardson requests that the council continue thinking about the rates and what SJT should charge.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Administrative changes- Mitch Sprunger is no longer with us. The Airport Deputy Administrator vacancy closes on 3/22/2019. SJT has an inspection is coming up and after the inspection is completed, start interviews for the position.

Capital Projects include:

Grant 35 (Taxiway reconfiguration) is near completion as soon as we pay off the contract we can close the grant.

Grant 37 (Runway 18/36 rehabilitation is in the design phase). This phase includes rubber and paint removal. Crack seal/seal coat and restriping. This project is estimated at \$1,000,000. The bits open in June and construction will start in August.

Grant 38 (Airport Master Plan). Centurion is doing the planning and design for a total cost of \$826,334 which is an FAA Grant 90/10 split. Estimated to be a 2 year project. Mr. Pritchard would like more interaction with the masterplans, and public meetings. Mr. Valgardson informed the council that master plans are needed and are required. It's been 20 years since the previous master plan was created. Master plans should typically be updated every 7-10 years. However, if the airport has a big tenant come in, the master plan should be updated then to reflect.

US Army Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Support

The Army will provide support to CBP on US/Mexico border from May to August. They will be located in the AMCOM North hangar. The Army will be bringing 3-MQ-1C Gray Eagles.

Future Agenda Items


Mr. Valgardson asks the council if they have any future agenda items, questions or concerns they would like to discuss. Mr. Nuytten states that due to staffing problems in Midland the control tower is being shut down. It affects the military and their touch and goes which in return affects us. Mr. Nuytten wants to know if we can get our own control. Mr. Valgardson suggests that the council writing letters with our concerns.

Civil Air Patrol (Raw Land Lease)

As Mr. Powell's final remarks: First he wants to thank Mr. Key for filling in on his behalf today. Second, identify any new board members? No. Third, Mr. Powell thanks Mr. Valgardson for bringing in a new dimension as a director by being a pilot. Mr. Powell thanks the staff for their overwork in the absences from the previous director.

Mr. Powell thanks Luis Elguezabal for his 10 years and for bringing us through the terminal renovations.

Mr. Key thanks everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 P.M.



Jeremy Valgardson, C. M.
Airport Director



Charles E. Powell
Airport Advisory Board Chairman