



SAN ANGELO REGIONAL AIRPORT

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD – OFFICIAL MINUTES

For a meeting held Thursday, June 20, 2019 in Airport Conference Room located at the San Angelo Regional Airport Mathis Field at 8618 Terminal Circle, Ste. 101, San Angelo, TX 76904, at 1:30 PM.

Board Members Present

Col. Charles Powell Patrick Nuytten Teresa Special
William Pritchard Joseph Rallo

Board Members Not Present

Fred Key Robert Frank

Others Present

Michael Dane Jeremy Valgardson Bruce Burkett
Janice Crimm Kelena James Brandon Dyson

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PLEDGE

Joseph Rallo leads the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Charles Powell called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Powell suggests approving the minutes from the last Airport Board Meeting from March 21, 2019. Mr. Joseph Rallo motions to approve, with a second by Mr. William Pritchard; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment and the meeting was then turned over to Mr. Jeremy Valgardson, Airport Director to discuss the next items on the agenda.

Airport Bylaws

Mr. Valgardson explains that the Airport had never adopted any Bylaws and wanted to discuss any recommendations that the council may have. Mr. Valgardson pointed out that the Assistant City Attorney Mr. Brandon Dyson was present for the meeting to help with any questions or suggestions. Mr. Valgardson pointed out that the Bylaws will state that the Airport Advisory Board shall consist of seven members, the meetings must be open to the public, the board shall meet at least one time annually during the month of March, during this meeting the first item of business, the board shall elect

a chairman and vice-chairman. Ms. Teresa Special showed concern with Article 2.07, Section 2.07.001(14) in the City Ordinance stating that members could not serve more than three years and would have to wait a year before becoming a member of the board again. Ms. Special stated that there are a limited amount of people who want to serve on the Airport Advisory Board. Mr. Michael Dane questioned what would the board need to do in order to gain acceptance to serve more than 3 years. Mr. Dyson stated that we would need council approval in order for a member to serve more than 3 years. Mr. Rallo points out that some members may have already exceeded their three year term, if city council does not approve our request how would it affect us now? Ms. Special states that even if the members have served more than three years, the member's status would continue until their current term is finished. Mr. Powell motions to seek council's approval for the bylaws and to request that the council amend the city ordinance by removing or extending the term limits. Mr. Pritchard motions to approve, with a second by Ms. Special.

American Eagle Aircraft Storage Program

Mr. Valgardson reminded the council 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. Storing this many aircraft on the commercial ramp would cut off access to Taxiway Alpha and is in violation with the FAA. Mr. Valgardson stated that he spoke to several of the tenants and while some say they absolutely do not want them to return the rest say they wouldn't mind them storing that many again.

Mr. Valgardson questions if we should reduce the fee or if we should leave it at \$12/day? Mr. Patrick Nuytten states that we should leave the rate at \$12 and Mr. Rallo agrees. Mr. Valgardson states that the airport cannot enter into a contract agreement with the storage plan and even though no one from American Eagle has fully come out 100% stating that they will pull the program if we do not lower our rates to \$8/per day however it is rumored that they will. Ms. Special suggest \$10/day and Mr. Nuytten suggests \$5/day to park in the grass however parking in the grass is not an option. Mr. Rallo and Mr. Pritchard agree that if American holds all the power and we as the airport have no control over the space then they do not want them here. The board members agree that the rate should stay at \$12/day. Mr. Valgardson states that he appreciates the discussion, and thanks the council members.

Director's Reports

Administrative changes- Shaun Cookson is our new Airport Deputy Administrator. The design for Runway 18-36 will go out for bid in July.

Master Plan

The Master Plan shows that we plan to transition fully from the ERJ-140 to the ERJ-175 because it is cheaper to run the ERJ-175 with half a load then it is to run the ERJ-140 with a full load. Our flights are up to 80% load factors and we are now at six flights a day. Data shows that 50% of people do not fly out of San Angelo due to price of airline tickets. With the help and research conducted during the Master Plan it will help to bring in a second airline offering new destinations and prices.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Valgardson asks the council if they have any future agenda items, questions or concerns they would like to discuss. The council has no future items however Mr. Rallo has questions regarding Customs and Border Patrol in regards to if the drone activity interferes with the Approach Control and if they are bringing in more drones. Mr. Valgardson states that the drones do no interfere with the Control tower and Customs is not bringing in any more drones however the Army plans to bring their drone and help for a short period of time.

Mr. Powell's final remarks: states that he appreciates that Mr. Valgardson is the first director with a pilot background. Mr. Powell thanks the staff for their overwork in the absences from the previous director.

Mr. Powell thanks everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 P.M.



Jeremy Valgardson, C. M.
Airport Director



Charles E. Powell
Airport Advisory Board Chairman