

**Ector County Advisory
Board Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2023**

A meeting was held for the members of the Ector County Airport Advisory Board at the Ector County Annex-Commissioner's Courtroom on October 18, 2023

The following board members were present:

Mark Merritt

Winston Kenworthy

Joe Hurt

Bill Ritter

David Donham

Don Stringer- County Commissioner

Mike Gardner- County Commissioner

Billy Carrigan- Building Maintenance

John Henderson- Commissioner Court Attorney

Morgan Jarrell- Texas Aero Manager

Randa Walker- Texas Aero

*Several members of the community attended. *

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by the chairman at 8:30am.

The minutes of the prior meeting of September 20, 2023, were not available and will be reviewed in the future.

2. Concerns/To Do List Items

Work Orders-Runway/taxiway & beacon lights repair are completed, all operational

Devore PLASI 2000-Runway 02/20 PAPI lights, engineering contracted, system ordered.

Pavement Repairs -Pavement repair, north ramp-Rubio repair quote-total quote greater than budget available-continued research to be done.

Core Testing- Core testing boring completed, report pending.

Water Tower Construction- City Water tank near airport property discussed.

Update on oil wells-Oil well sites discussed – the project is being handled by Mr. Merritt and John Henderson

Interface and access with City of Odessa Fire Rescue discussed. Mr. Ritter & Merritt will continue this project.

3. Safety Issues

Concerns expressed by audience members and the concessionaire about maintenance personnel and equipment and NOTAMS. This topic related to the 11/29 runway closure during the Core testing project.

A.JSX Charter was discussed. Randa Walker with Texas Aero indicated that her firm has been in talks with the charter company for some time including a site visit by the charter operator.

B. Hot fueling of a helicopter was discussed as this issue has re-emerged as a problem. No specific action taken.

4. Vegetation Management-

Vegetation management was discussed-the contractor completed mesquite eradication, initial treatment.

5. GRANTS

Grant status was discussed, 2 grants are near submission to TXDOT pending Commissioner's Court approval.

Executive Session

The board voted to adjourn to executive session by acclamation.

Executive session promptly convened. The topic of the resignation of David Hood was discussed. Mr. Hood's appointment was as the designee of the Ector County Airport Association, per the Commissioner's approved Advisory Board By-laws. Mr. Merritt, representing the Association, proffered the replacement candidate, Race Ritchee. The board discussed the candidate's qualifications and eligibility based on the by-laws. Mr. Merritt made a motion for appointment, seconded by Mr. Donham. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive session was adjourned by acclamation.

6. Executive Session

The board re-convened in public session and voted to adjourn by acclamation at 10:15am.

Minutes Approved By  Date 11/15/2023