

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO

SPECIAL MEETING

ACTION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 2014

TIME & PLACE: The Airport Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, met in Special Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Board, at the Municipal Airport, 28 Shooting Star Road, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, Wednesday, the 14th day of May, 2014, at 4:30 pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Bobby Middleton, Chairman, and Karen Rieth acted as Board Secretary.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll, the following members were reported present:

Bobby Middleton, Chairman
Dennis Anderson, Member
David Senn, Member
Gerald LaFont, Member
Chuck Vangelder, Member

Also Present:

Bill Slettom, Community Dev.Dir/Asst City Mgr.
Vaughn Huron, Airport Attendant
Steve Spaw, Airport Attendant
Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Jeff Richer, City Commissioner
Hans Townsend, Chamber of Commerce

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Board proceeded with the business at hand.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Bobby Middleton asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

“Board Member Gerald LaFont moved to approve the Agenda.”

Seconded by Member David Senn.
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

FUEL FARM UPDATE: Bill Slettom, CDD/ACM explained that Delta Airport Consultants have been authorized by the City Commission to provide Engineering Services for the Airport. The next step is to get a signed contract in place.

Members of the Board would like to set up a meeting with the new consultants once a contract is in place to discuss the scope and scale for the fuel farm project.

Bill Slettom, CDD/ACM discussed with the Board concerns from the Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau Inspection that was done recently. Steve Spaw, Airport Attendant is working on the Registration for the Jet A tank. The Mo Gas tank is to be decommissioned per Storage Tank Bureau procedures.

City Manager Juan Fuentes suggested that the Board put their ideas for the Fuel Farm in writing and submit them to Bill Slettom, CDD/ACM. This way Bill could pass them along to the Consultants so they could have a good idea of what is needed/wanted before they meet with the Board.

Members of the Board expressed concern with the location of the proposed fuel farm, stating it would be better to have a self serve Island out in the middle

somewhere, or have a dedicated helipad, due to landing helicopters in such close proximity to the proposed site. Helicopters create a lot of wind turbulence, and may be a problem.

Member Chuck Vangelder also mentioned that he has seen problems with tethered planes on the tarmac being affected by turbulence from landing helicopters.

Bill Slettom commented that a revised Airport Layout Plan would be required in order to consider adding a dedicated helipad to the Airport Improvement Plan, and recommended discussing options with the new consulting firm.

DISCUSSION - Chairman Bobby Middleton explained that the City
COURTESY CAR: Commission has approved the agreement between the City of Truth or Consequences and the Chamber of Commerce.

A rental agreement from Whitehead will be forthcoming.

Bill Slettom, CDD/ACM explained that there are still some details to be worked with Staff as far as procedures.

The Board expressed concern with the limitations in the agreement to be able to only use the car from 8am to 5pm would be too restrictive, as the biggest need is for people who fly in after hours to be able to spend the night in a hotel and return the car the next morning.

Hans Townsend, Chamber of Commerce explained to the Board that the 8am – 5pm limitation was put in the agreement so that business would not be taken away from Whitehead Chevrolet, who donated the car, and leases vehicles. If someone needs a car overnight, they should rent a vehicle from a local business, rather than using a courtesy car.

Airport Attendant Vaughn Huron pointed out that there is not a paid rental vehicle available at the airport for such

cases.

DISCUSSION- HANGAR LEASES: The Board is very concerned that some Hangars are being used for storage other than aircraft.

Steve Spaw, Airport Attendant volunteered to take on the responsibility of overseeing contracts which is currently handled through the City Clerk's Office, and presented a chart showing which Hangars have tenants that are registered with the FAA. Provided for record.

The Board discussed problems with the current Hangar Lease Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bobby Middleton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

"Member Gerald LaFont made a motion to adjourn the meeting".

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of July, 2014, on a motion made by Chuck Vangelder and Seconded by Dennis Anderson, and carried.

ATTEST:


Bobby Middleton, Chairman