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COBB COUNTY AIRPORT - MCCOLLUM FIELD AIRPORT STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD (aka: AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2013 - 10:30 A.M.

South FBO – Terminal Conference Room
Cobb County Airport-McCollum Field
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Present of the Board:

Carter Chapman, Chairman
William Campbell, Pilot, Vice Chairman
Butch Thompson, District II & IV
Thomas Huff, Atlanta Executive Jet Center
Sean King, Capt. Retired, Secretary
Larry Thompson, Preferred Jet Center
Commissioner Bob Ott, BOC

Absent of the Board:

Kelly Keappler, Town Center CID
Clark Hungerford, Development Authority
Mayor Mark Mathews, Kennesaw

Guests:

Dave Cranford, Tower Control Manager

Representing Cobb County:

David Hankerson, County Manager
Faye DiMassimo, Director
Karl Von Hagel, Airport Manager
Josephine Softy, Admin III, DOT

I. Call to Order:

Carter Chapman welcomed the Members of the Airport Advisory Board and called the meeting to order at 10:45am.

II. Approved Minutes:

Karl Von Hagel presented the minutes from the February 4, 2013 Board meeting, Sean King motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Thomas Huff, with all members in favor.

III. Airport Control Tower Update:

Karl Von Hagel updated the Board on the FAA's decision to cease funding and close 246 airport control towers throughout the country, that have less than 150,000 flight operations and less than 10,000 commercial flight operations as part of the Federal Sequestration budget cuts. Cobb County McCollum Field is one of the contract towers scheduled to be closed on April 7, 2013. No duration of the closure has been provided. Karl Von Hagel distributed a copy of a letter, written by Cobb County Chairman Tim Lee, to the County's Congressional Delegation, encouraging congress and the FAA find a solution.

To prepare for the "Uncontrolled Conversion", with safety as the main concern, Karl Von Hagel distributed and discussed a list of items to be completed. Karl will also discuss with other Airport directors to ensure no item has been overlooked.

Butch Thompson and Thomas Huff recommended researching alternatives to support the control tower with outside funding. Members agreed that we will continue to move forward with preparations for an "Uncontrolled Conversion" with the possibility of a control tower supported by outside funding in the future, if the closures are long term.

William Campbell motioned, seconded by Sean King, to form two committees to proceed with short term and long term actions for an "Uncontrolled Conversion", as follows:

Short Term Alternatives Committee: Karl Von Hagel, Thomas Huff, Control Tower Manager, Larry Thompson, Based Airport Flight Operators. The Short Term Alternative Committee will be looking into the action items and local procedures for Cobb County McCollum Field to become an "Uncontrolled Conversion" with safety as its main concern.

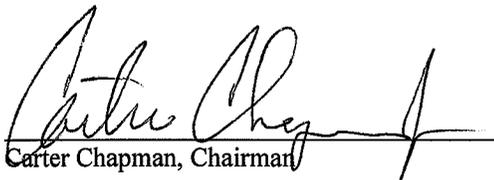
Long Term Alternatives Committee: Karl Von Hagel, Faye DiMassimo, David Hankerson, Cobb County Finance Department, Thomas Huff, Kelly Keappler, Town Center CID and Mason Zimmerman, Cumberland CID. The Long Term Committee will be looking into the impact and alternative funding sources available to operate a self sustaining Control Tower.

IV. Special Called Airport Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2013, 10:30am. Meeting will be held at 1800 Airport Road, Kennesaw, GA - South FBO – Terminal Conference Room, second floor.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:55pm


Carter Chapman, Chairman