

On January 9, 2023 the City of Wauchula Airport Advisory Board met for its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Suite 105 of Historic City Hall located at 225 East Main Street, Wauchula, Florida.

Board members present were Chairman Lavon Cobb, Vice-Chairman Michael Gillispie, Ward Grimes and Mike Wilkinson. Board member Steve Johnson was absent.

Also present were City Clerk Holly Smith and Deputy City Manager Olivia Minshew.

Cobb declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

Gillispie motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Wilkinson
With no discussion, Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.
For those opposed no response. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of August 1, 2022

Wilkinson motioned to approve the August 1st minutes, seconded by Gillispie.
With no discussion, Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.
For those opposed no response. Motion carried.

Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Grimes motioned to appoint Cobb as Chair, seconded by Wilkinson.
Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.
For those opposed no response. Motion carried.
Grimes motioned to appoint Gillispie as Vice-Chair, seconded by Wilkinson.
Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.
For those opposed no response. Motion carried.

Airport Update

Taxiway A Rehab Construction Update

Russ Holliday with Avcon addressed the Board and presented them with the Taxiway Alpha Rehab update. Holliday explained Taxiway A was supposed to start the week of January 16th, however the contractor Dickerson was requesting an additional \$250,000 for delays with supply chain. Holliday stated the request has been sent to FAA for review and approval. The project originally was approved with 100% FAA funding from the Cares Act. Holliday discussed the 2 weeks within a 60-day period (1 week each month) for Harvest Aviation. Grimes discussed a paramotor class being at the airport.

AWOS II Construction Update

Holliday advised the Board the project would start in approximately 3-6 months. There was no issue with supply chain.

Terminal Building and T-Hangar Update

Holliday advised the Board that State funds (Legislative Appropriations) had been awarded and signed for the project in the amount of 2.5 million. There would be some modification to the existing pilot's lounge. Cobb asked if the project was 50/50. Minshew replied it was 100% funded.

RW 36 Extension Update

Holliday advised the Board that Aaron Smith, Secretary of Transportation was involved in the runway extension proposal. However, no funds were currently available for the project.

Jet A was discussed along with Hurricane Ian repairs.

Comments from the Public

There was no public present for comment.

With no further business to discuss, Cobb adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Lavon Cobb, Chairman

City Clerk Holly Smith