

On January 29, 2024 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 (after roll call), Vice-Chairman Michael Gillispie, Ward Grimes, Steve Johnson and Mike Wilkinson.

Also present were Deputy City Manager John Eason and City Clerk Stephanie Camacho.

Gillispie 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.

Appointment of New Board Member – Michael Burch

Gillispie motioned to appoint Michael Burch as the new board member, seconded by Wilkinson.

With no discussion, Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed, no response. Motion carried.

With Cobb stepping down from the Board, Eason addressed Cobb and thanked him for his long-term service to the Airport Advisory Board. Cobb officially stepped down from the dais and Burch took his place.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Johnson motioned to elect Michael Gillispie as Chairman, seconded by Wilkinson.

Gillispie accepted the position.

With no discussion, Eason called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed, no response. Motion carried.

Mike Wilkinson expressed interest in the Vice-Chair position.

Burch motioned to elect Wilkinson as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Grimes.

With no discussion, Gillispie called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed, no response. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2023

Grimes motioned to approve the minutes with change, seconded by Johnson.

With no discussion, Gillispie called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed, no response. Motion carried.

Russ Holliday – AVCON

Holliday was present and provided updates on the items below.

AWOS II (add on item)

Holliday reported the project was completed and the close out report was being wrapped up, pending the City's submission of the FAA quarterly report and record drawings.

Taxiway A Rehab Construction Update

Holliday reported the striping was complete. He also stated an inspection of the electrical vault would be scheduled in conjunction with the power systems and arc flash study submittals/approvals by AVCON's electrical team.

Terminal Building and T-Hangar Update

Holliday reported the preliminary design on the t-hangar was complete. He also stated he had asked James Moore Architects to provide scope and fee to assist in design development, pending receipt of a price proposal from them.

Runway 36 Feasibility Study Update

Holliday reported the justification portion of the study was complete and submitted to FDOT for review. The next stage will be the environmental section.

Runway 36 Extension Update

Holliday reported that AVCON's biotech teams had been performing necessary surveys and would be wrapping up field work soon.

Hangar Repairs from Hurricane Ian Update (add on item)

Holliday reported that AVCON is not currently retained to work on that project. He stated the City has been working diligently with the insurance company and AVCON has been assisting as best as they can.

Comments from the Public

No one was present for public comment.

With no further business to discuss, Gillispie adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Michael Gillispie, Chairman

City Clerk Stephanie Camacho