

On July 10, 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 Stephanie Camacho and Deputy City Manager John Eason.

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 January 9, 2023

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

Taxiway A Rehab Construction Update

Grimes addressed the Board and provided an update on this project. Grimes stated the project was approximately half way complete. The north side of the fuel tanks have been completed, as well as taxi lane B.

AWOS II Construction Update

Grimes addressed the Board and provided an update on this project. Grimes explained the construction was on track and should be completed pretty soon.

Terminal Building and T-Hangar Update

Eason addressed the Board and provided an update on this project. Eason presented the proposed layout and explained the City's plans for usage of each space. Eason stated a grant had been executed with FDOT for approximately \$2.5M, a portion of which would be designated for the pilot's lounge rehab. Eason advised the Board that there had been some public concern about possibly having to take down the large tree in order to add an outdoor, covered sitting area to the lounge. Eason explained that, due to the size and age of the tree, the City is concerned that it could fall onto the building and cause significant damage. Therefore, the City is including the outdoor, covered sitting area as a place where the public can sit comfortably and continue to watch the planes travel to and from the airport. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the tree should be removed, if necessary, during the renovation and rehabilitation of the pilot's lounge. The Board decided to take a vote on this matter.

Gillispie motioned to approve removal of the tree, if necessary, in order to complete this project, seconded by Wilkinson.
For those opposed, no response. Motion carried.

Runway 36 Extension Update

Eason addressed the Board and provided an update on this project. Eason explained the environment study was currently being done by AVCON and, once complete, the runway extension project can begin.

Comments from the Public

There was no public present for comment.

With no further business to discuss, Cobb adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Lavon Cobb, Chairman

City Clerk Stephanie Camacho