



Meeting Minutes

**City of Gainesville
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Airport Terminal Conference Room
September 8, 2008
10:30 AM**

Members Present: Carroll Johnson, Ginger Herrmann, Richard Lira, Dan Ott and Earl Russell

Members Absent: Nancy Brannon, Mike McKenzie

Staff Present: Dave Vinton

Richard Lira, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:33A.M.

The **second item of business** was Discussion and Action on meeting minutes from July 14, 2008. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ginger Herrmann with a second from Carroll Johnson. Ayes: Herrmann, Johnson, Ott and Russell. Nays: None. Absent: Brannon and McKenzie.

The **third item of business** was Citizen/Tenant Comments. None were made.

The **fourth item of business** was to approve the renewed board member terms through July 2010. The new terms for Nancy Brannon, Richard Lira, and Mike McKenzie were accepted, all for.

The **fifth item of business** was a request for an aerobatic box. Director Vinton advised that a few individuals were interested in having an aerobatic box put in at GLE. Ginger Herrmann questioned the noise level of the aircraft and the potential problems the airplanes may cause to traffic on Hwy 82 and did not see the box as a big benefit to the airport unless we could sponsor a major event at the airport. Earl Russell and Carroll Johnson concurred. Mr. Vinton advised there might not even be enough space to put out an aerobatic box. Mr. Vinton will continue to investigate the possibilities and potential gains.

The **sixth item of business** was Discussion on TXDOT Grant update. As the TXDOT grant update began, Earl Russell advised that he has proof that the airport remains wet due to poor drainage. Richard Lira suggested we have the city run a camera in the drains to see if they are clear or blocked. The board agreed that a drain should be laid under the runway before the overlay is put on for future use. They were also upset that the water problem keeps resurfacing and no solution has been recommended or acted upon.

There were also concerns voiced about the how the sale of released land was aiding the airport. Are the bidders required to include aviation use in their business plan, what happens to the property in the future if the bid winner sells, and how can we assure that we are getting the best price for the property? Director Vinton advised that he would get with the mayor and the City Manager to find answers to these questions.

The **seventh item of business** was Airport Director Reports. Mr. Vinton reviewed the fuel sales and noted that Avgas is down 23% and 19% for July and August respectively.

The **eighth item of business** was Board Member Comments. Ginger Herrmann wanted an update on Mr. Diver. Director Vinton advised that one aircraft has departed and that progress on repairing the airplanes is moving along. He also stated that a letter had been sent to Mr. Diver, advising him of an increase in his monthly rent and displeasure with the lack of progress to date. Carroll Johnson advised that Director Vinton should contact the city attorney and begin the legal proceedings. Carroll Johnson thanked the board for their understanding during his absence.

The **ninth item of business** was to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Ginger Herrmann with a second from Dan Ott. Ayes: Herrmann, Johnson, Ott and Russell. Nays: None. Absent: Brannon and McKenzie.


Richard Lira, Chairperson


Deb Turbeville, Administrative Assistant