



# Meeting Minutes

City of Gainesville  
Airport Advisory Board Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
Monday June 13, 2016  
10:45 A.M.

**Members Present:** Brandon Ayers, Nancy Brannon, Ryan Green, Carroll Johnson, Earl Russell, and Jason Snuggs.

**Absent:** Richard Lira.

**Staff Present:** Dave Vinton.

**Visitors Present:** Mayor Goldsworthy

The **second item of business** was Discussion and Action on minutes from April 4, 2016. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Brannon with a second from Mr. Johnson. Ayes: Ayers, Brannon, Green, Johnson, and Russell. Nays: None. Absent: Lira.

The **third item of business** was Citizen/Tenant comments. None.

The **fourth item of business** was a presentation by Mr. Sykes concerning US Aviation's proposal to secure the Initial Flight Training (IFT) contract with the US Air Force. Mr. Sykes advised the Board that US Aviation is bidding on a 10 year, \$200 million contract to take students from zero time to solo and then 30-40% of the students will continue on to their Private Pilots license. There will be 150-200 students continuously which will require 100-150 employees to instruct the students. He further noted that the training facility will be based at a single location, North Texas Regional Airport in Dennison, TX. Mr. Sykes stated that 'Practice Areas' will be in place around North Texas/Southern Oklahoma and that each flight "session" will last approximately 1.5 hours. He also advised that there will be a separate contract for fuel and that they have approached the airports of Sherman and Tyler, TX as well as Durant OK concerning the training.

The **fifth item of business** was Discussion on recommending that the Gainesville Municipal Airport support US Aviation's bid to secure the Initial Flight Training contract with the US Air Force. Items discussed included: degradation of runways by the additional operations, what does our airport gain by a recommendation, current traffic congestion due to US Aviations Foreign Pilot Training program, loss of current/future clients due to added operations and restricted airspace in the area, and would this recommendation be in the best interest of the airport and for the City of Gainesville. Motion to approve the recommendation of support was made by Mr. Russell. Motion died for lack of a second.

The **sixth item of business** was Discussion on Hangar Development. Director Vinton advised the Board that several request for hangars has been received. He advised that location of utilities, use of ground sonar, and types of development at the airport needs to be platted/implemented. Mayor Goldsworthy suggested including the Gainesville Economic Development (GEDC) Director in the discussion on development types and locations. He also thanked the Board for their service and direction given to both the Airport Director and the City Council.

Ms. Brannon made a motion to revisit agenda item #5 with a second from Mr. Russell. Ayes: Ayers, Brannon, Green, Johnson, and Russell. Nays: None. Absent: Lira. Mr. Johnson advised the Board that KGLE is a public-use airport and that we cannot deny any aeronautical use of the airport as long as we receive federal funds. Mr. Snuggs stated and Ms. Brannon agreed that recommending support for this contract would keep the Gainesville Airport and the City in a positive frame of progress and partnership with the surrounding communities. Ms. Brannon made a motion to recommend support for US Aviation's bid for the IFT contract with a second from Mr. Green. Ayes: Ayers, Brannon, Green, Johnson, and Russell. Nays: None. Absent: Lira.

The **seventh item of business** was Airport Director reports. The Director reviewed the fuel reports with the Board. Mr. Vinton advised the Board of the plans and anticipated cost for the RWY 12/30 improvements. Mr. Vinton then advised the Board that the airport will be hosting "The Sky's the Limit Balloon Spectacular", the TXAAA Fly-In, and the Zodiac Family Fun Day this fall. He also stated that the '99' will be painting the Compass Rose in late October/early November. Director Vinton stated that the GEDC is in the process of purchasing the FAA released property from the airport.

The **eighth item of business** was to adjourn.

  
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Jason Snuggs, Chairperson

  
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David Vinton, Airport Director