

AIRPORT PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Monday – July 12, 2021

District #1: Brad Ketcher	Business: Jeff Northgraves	Environmental: Linda Garat
District #2: Roger Peabody	Owls Head: Adam Philbrook	Commercial Pilot: Katie Shaw
District #3: Dick Witherspoon	Flying Club: Ron Vanosdol	STH: Jan Gaudio
Airport Business: Bill Packard		

Members present: Ron Vanosdol, Linda Garat, Dick Witherspoon, Jeff Northgraves, Brad Ketcher, Bill Packard, Roger Peabody (zoom), Adam Philbrook

Non-members present: Jeremy Shaw (Manager) Dorothy Meriwether (Commissioner)

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Vanosdol called the meeting to order @ 5:04PM.

RECOGNIZED GUESTS: David Dineen (Gale Associates), Kathy Allain, James Huger

APPROVED the May 10, 2021 MINUTES: Dick Witherspoon made a motion to approve the minutes, Bill Packard seconded the motion. Chair Vanosdol called for a vote. The vote was 6 yes, 0 no, to approve the minutes.

PARKING PRESENTATION BY PREMIUM PARKING CEO JAMES M. HUGER: James Huger, CEO of Premium Parking gave a PowerPoint presentation that proposes using a mobile-based system for parking at the airport. The system allows users to prepay for parking, purchase subscriptions, and also allows the airport to modify rates based things such as seasonal demand, and premium parking spaces. Jeff Northgraves questioned how the rate structure would look, and mentioned that this program would need to be a program approved by the County so that the Sheriff can enforce the policy. Commissioner Meriwether questioned the investment of \$26,000, and what the return on that would be when we're only making \$35,000 off of the 144 spaces currently. James responded that he believed that he could double the revenue that the airport is generating from their current program. Manager Shaw informed the committee that Premium Parking had also agreed to pay the airport \$3000/mo for the first year, to demonstrate how much money they could generate without creating a financial liability for the County. Jeff went on to say that this opportunity creates a hands off approach for the County that will free up County employees from taking time from their regular duties. Linda Garat mentioned that she didn't like the idea of elite parking for \$20 per night. Bill Packard agreed with Jeff that the actual cost to run the program for the county is significant, and requested that when we have the actual conversation that we include what the County's actual costs are now running the program.

BENNER LANE SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Airport manager stated that he did not have any information for the subject and just updated the committee that the buildings are still available, and no other offers have been received by the museum for the hangar complex.

AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATES: The airport manager gave a brief update on the project list.

Solar: There is a restrictive covenant on the deed of the 68 acre parcel of land we had intended on using. The hangar taxilane area currently is the only feasible place to have a solar array. If we could build in that area, it would generate \$90,000.

Terminal Hangar: The building is expected to arrive in March and be complete by September of 2022. Groundbreaking is expected in mid-August.

Airport Operations Facility: The project goes out to bid on Friday, and it would be about 5 weeks until that project could be awarded. The estimate for the building is \$1,100,000.

Hangar Taxilane: The manager gave an update on the 2020 AIP project, and told the committee that the project had cleared it's last legal hurdle, and was ready for construction.

Drainage: The airport manager updated the committee on the equipment being purchased as a result of the completion of the drainage project. Owning the equipment will prevent these large scale projects from being needed in the future.

Safety Area Grading: The project will get the airport back in compliance regarding flat and maintainable surfaces in runway safety areas. The project gained the interest of 3 bidders. George Hall was the lowest apparent bidder.

Fence and Security Upgrades: The manager gave a project overview and reported that the project is about to go out to bid. Adam Philbrook commented that the Dublin Rd. gate project was a fleecing of County Funds. The manager pointed out that even though it took a long time, it was a contract price, and the County didn't pay extra for the time it took to get the job done.

Ordinance Review Committee Update: The manager updated the committee on the ongoing issues surrounding the perceived Resource Protection Zone at the airport. Jeff Northgraves stated that what is happening with the Ordinance Review Committee is essentially that they are engaging in an illegal taking, and that they've taken away the use of that property without due process.

Owls Head Interlocal Agreement Update: Brad Ketcher updated the APAC on what the Ad Hoc committee working on the agreement has been working on. Commissioner Meriwether thanked Brad for his work, and just wanted him to understand the amount of "good will" the County has put into making an effort to find a successive agreement to the old interlocal agreement. She also recommended that Brad read the legal opinion from Bill McCall, the Town's attorney who gave a legal opinion on the proposed interlocal agreement if he has not done so.

KNOX COUNTY FLYING CLUB INTERNET DISCUSSION: The manager updated the APAC on the discussion about getting internet to the other side of the field so that the airport could run the security cameras needed for the gate project, and would also help the flying club have access to the internet. The manager explained that the cost to do that came in at \$300,000, and that the County has found another way to do it at a fraction of the cost by line of site equipment from the Terminal.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Bill Packard proposed a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Jeff Northgraves. Unanimous approval to adjourn at 7:34 PM

NEXT MEETING: September 13th, 2021 at 5pm.