

MINUTES
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009 – 12:00 NOON
CHEROKEE COUNTY AIRPORT – TERMINAL BUILDING
420 CR 1618 – RUSK, TEXAS 75785

Board Members Present:

Tim McRae, Gerald West, and Darrell Prcin. Danny Berry and Joe Weaver were absent.

Others Present:

Clint Goff, Megan Caffall (TxDOT Airport Planner), Jack Porbeck, County Judge Chris Davis and Mandy Johnston.

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order: Chairman Tim McRae called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He noted the meeting was properly posted and a quorum was present. The meeting was open according to the Open Meetings Act.
- 2) Approval of minutes from May 21, 2009 and May 28, 2009. Darrell Prcin moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gerald West seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 3) Texas Department of Transportation – Aviation Division discussion with Airport Planner Megan Caffall: Ms. Caffall said the recent draft of the Airport Improvement Recommendations could serve the same purpose of a master plan, without the \$200,000 expense of a formal Master Plan. Projects that are addressed in the Airport Improvement Recommendations include additional pavement, hangar repair, new hangar construction and additional parking at the terminal. An aerial photo showing current hangars and potential hangar areas was distributed. The board agreed the county would have greater benefit if the county owned the FBO. After discussion, the board agreed there is no need for a Master Plan at this time. The board also agreed to begin talks with the County and FBO to see if Mr. Casey would entertain selling the FBO properties to the County. If these talks are successful, the board agreed the first action item to improve the airport property would be to begin hangar improvements.
- 4) Consider allowing TxDOT Aviation to make Consultant selection for fencing project: Megan Caffall said Cherokee County has the option to either select their own consultant for the fencing project, or they may allow TxDOT Aviation to make the selection for them. The process will take 2-3 months if TxDOT selects the consultant. After discussion, the board unanimously agreed to for TxDOT Aviation to select a consultant for the fencing project.
- 5) Consider having an airport open house on October 24, 2009: Clint Goff said a fly-in will be held in Reklaw on October 24. Participants will likely be visiting the airport for fuel. Clint would like to hold an open house event for the public, and possibly include introductory flying lessons, airplane exhibits, food vendor(s), etc. After discussion, the board unanimously agreed to host an open house on October 24 at the airport.
- 6) Open forum for public comment and Open forum for board members: There was no discussion for the Open forum.
- 7) Adjourn: Tim McRae adjourned the meeting.

Darrell Prcin, Secretary