

On December 7, 2020 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, Mike Wilkinson and Steve Johnson.

Also present were City Clerk Holly Smith and Chief John Eason.

Cobb declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Grimes motioned to appoint Cobb as Chair, seconded by Gillispie.

Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed no response. Motion carried.

Gillispie noted he did not want to be Vice-Chair any longer.

Gillispie motioned to appoint Johnson as Vice-Chair, seconded by Cobb.

Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed no response. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Gillispie motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Johnson.

With no discussion, Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed no response. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of March 2, 2020

Johnson motioned to approve the March 2, 2020 Minutes, seconded by Gillispie.

With no discussion, Cobb called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed no response. Motion carried.

Taxiway A Rehab Phasing Plans Review – Russ Holliday, Avcon

Russ Holliday with Avcon addressed the Board and presented them with the Taxiway A rehab phasing plans. Holliday stated money was available to start the design phase and surveying and testing had begun. Holliday noted the airport would have to be close for phase 1. Holliday stated the project would have four phases in order for aircrafts to still have access to the airport. Holliday noted the rehabilitation would be for the entire taxiway, including the connectors to the runway due to current geometry requirements not being met with FAA. Holliday stated the project would include rehabilitation to the pavement, updating the geometry, signage and updating all the electrical including a new vault. Holliday stated in phase 1 the connectors on the west side of the apron would need to be constructed to taxiway A before the old ones are removed. Holliday noted phase 1 may have to be broken into a sub-phase. Discussion was had on the closure of the runway during phase 1 and the timeframe. Holliday continued to explain the last 3 phases of the project. Holliday noted the phases did not have a specific order to be completed. Cobb suggested splitting the closure of phase 1 project in half. Holliday asked how many days would Harvest Aviation need to complete their monthly flight. Johnson suggested staying closed 3 weeks and opening 1 week for phase 1. Holliday stated the design portion of the project was funded 100% through the Cares Act.

Airport Update

FAA Push of AWOS-II Construction to 2022

Holliday stated the AWOS design had been completed. Holliday noted due to COVID-19 the State of Florida was seeing a huge deficient in funding and FAA was trying to help with funding. Holliday stated FAA supported the AWOS project but wanted to fund it in 2022 instead of 2021 and did not want to fund it with the taxiway A rehab project.

Discussion was had on airport activity.

The consensus of the Board was to meet again in March 2021 to allow Holliday time to finalize the taxiway A rehab plans.

Comments from the Public

There was no public present for comment.

With no further business to discuss,
Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gillispie.
Cobb adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Lavon Cobb, Chairman

City Clerk Holly Smith