

Minutes

OCEAN COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 25, 2017

Ocean County Airport, Terminal Building

Berkeley Township, NJ

Attendance: Tony Agliata (Assistant Planning Director), James Candeletti, Kevin Douthitt, John Hess, David McKeon (Planning Director), David Peck, Robert Ricciuti, Steve Simone (Senior Planner), Martin Smolen

Opening: 7:01 PM

Welcome & Sign In:

Mr. Agliata

- Welcome

Old Business:

T-Hangar Door Maintenance

Mr. Agliata

- The County Buildings and Grounds Department now has a vendor under contract to service the T-hangar doors. They will lubricate the hinges and adjust the pulleys every six months.

Mr. Douthitt

- The door to T-Hangar #10 is working very well now.
- Unfortunately, some of the oil used to lubricate the door had dripped on my plane.

Mr. Ricciuti

- The doors are operating much more smoothly now.
- I had the same issue with excess lubricant; I discovered lubricant on the concrete and the asphalt in and around my unit.

Mr. Agliata

- We will reach out to Buildings and Grounds and make them aware of this issue.

Update: Buildings and Grounds was notified on 10/26/17. Work crews will be mindful of this going forward.

Ocean Air Support Squadron

Mr. Agliata

- The Black Sheep Squadron recently completed another summer of survey flights.

Mr. Candeletti

- It was another good summer.
- In all, about six hundred man hours were put into operations this year.
- Weather permitting, survey flights were flown nearly every weekend.

- The 2017 Sunset Patrol missions are now complete.
- Recently the Sheriff's Department supplied the Squadron with a drone. They will be offering training sessions soon.
- The floor of the office was painted recently. The last coat lasted about three years. The walls will be painted next.
- The final invoice of the season, for oil, will be submitted to the County soon.
- The end of the year report will also be submitted shortly.

Mr. McKeon

- Are the Black Sheep set to enter into another agreement in December?

Mr. Candeletti

- Yes. The only question is who will be named Freeholder Director.

Mr. McKeon

- As the time approaches, we should be made aware of the next year's appointments.

6-24 Lighting Rehabilitation – Final Inspection

Mr. Agliata

- The rehabilitation of Runway 6-24's lighting was recently completed.
- Global Electrical was the contractor on this project. They had budgeted approximately \$612,000 for the project, and they came in approximately \$32,000 under budget.
- This was the County's first time working with Global Electrical. They performed well, and we are happy with the finished product.

New Business:

New T-Hangar Building Construction

Mr. Agliata

- The new building is nearly complete. Only some electrical work and the final Certificate of Occupancy are outstanding at this time.
- There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony tomorrow at 10:30. All are welcome to attend.
- We see this building as another great asset, and the opening is an opportunity to publicize the airport.

Mr. Ricciuti

- Has the new building been fully rented out?

Mr. Agliata

- Because of the ownership arrangement, the units will be rented by Ocean Aire.
- We expect the demand for space to remain high, even after the new building is occupied.

Mr. Peck

- Will the new tenants be taken off the County's list, or will there be two lists?

Mr. Agliata

- Ocean Aire will handle the selection of tenants for the new building.

Mr. Peck

- By how much will the County's list be shortened?

Mr. Simone

- There are currently twenty-five names on the County's T-hangar waiting list.
- Even if every tenant in the new building came off the waiting list or out of the existing units, only one third of the list would be cleared.

Mr. Peck

- How long is the average wait time?

Mr. Simone

- At present, the list turns over about once every three years.

2018 T-Hangar Leases

Mr. Agliata

- The new T-Hangar lease agreements will be mailed out in a few weeks from now.
- As per usual, the County will update the language in this year's leases as needed.

6-24 Pavement Rehabilitation

Mr. Agliata

- The contract for the repaving of the main runway has gone to Cardinal Contracting Company out of Southampton, NJ.
- The budget for the construction portion of the project is approximately \$2.5 million.
- Work will start in the spring.
- We will provide more information on closures as the project nears.

Mr. Hess

- Is it possible to pave half of the runway at a time? This may cause less interference with 14-32.

Mr. Agliata

- Closing half of the runway at a time is probably not possible, given the NOTAM requirements.

Mr. Hess

- When the runway was widened several years ago, displaced thresholds were used. Is it possible to do so for this project? Is the phasing plan similar to when the runway was widened?

Mr. Agliata

- We will follow up with our engineering consultant on this.

Mr. Candeletti

- It may not be efficient to close portions of the runway at different times. The milling and paving of the entire runway should not take very long.
- The only factor that could prolong the project is the repair of any cracks.

Mr. Hess

- The time it takes to repair the cracks in the runway will itself rely on a number of factors. Among these are the depth of the cracks, and the treatment used on each crack.

Mr. Peck

- Will Cardinal be responsible for painting the runway, as well?

Mr. McKeon

- Because Cardinal will be the general contractor on this project, it is their responsibility to see that the runway is painted. They may decide to subcontract this part of the project, however.

PAPI/REIL Replacement

Mr. Agliata

- The replacement of the 6-24 PAPIs and REILs will take place concurrently with the 6-24 Pavement Rehabilitation project.

Mr. Simone

- This will also be the responsibility of Cardinal. This was a subsequent add-on to their contract.

Mr. Peck

- Will Runway 6-24 be displaced by five hundred feet at this time?

Mr. Simone

- No, the runway shift is a separate project that will take place at a later date.

Mr. Hess

- What is the reason for the 6-24 displacement?

Mr. McKeon

- The FAA is concerned that the fence along Route 530 may be an obstruction.

Mr. Ricciuti

- The runway and the fence have been in their current locations for some time. Why is this an issue now?

Mr. Candeletti

- In all likelihood, an incident which took place at Teterboro several years ago is probably influencing recent decisions by the FAA.
- In that case, a fence at the end of a runway proved to be a hazard.

Other Grant Applications

Mr. Agliata

- The County has recently applied for State funding for two additional projects. One pertains to repairing cracks and joints in the apron. The other pertains to repairing cracks and joints in the taxiways.
- If the applications are accepted, this could bring another \$1.4 million in grant funding to the airport.
- While these are not considered high priority projects at this time, the decision was made to apply and see if our applications are accepted.
- Since 1990, approximately \$33 million in grant funding from the FAA and NJDOT has been invested in capital improvement projects at the airport. This is against \$6 million put up by the County during the same period.

Mr. Simone

- It should be noted that the \$6 million figure includes the \$3.5 million terminal building, which was not a grant eligible project.
- The State and Federal governments have carried well over ninety percent of the costs for grant eligible projects.

Equipment

Mr. Agliata

- The County recently acquired a new tractor and a new batwing.
- The primary purpose of this new equipment is to assist in the mowing of the airfield.

Mr. Candeletti

- Is the new tractor the same model as the one which was replaced?

Mr. Agliata

- No, the new tractor is a John Deere.

Mr. Candeletti

- Will the new batwing hitch to all of the County's tractors?

Mr. Agliata

- Yes. The intention is to have enough equipment to operate simultaneously when the airport is fully staffed during summer months.

Snow Plowing

Mr. Agliata

- A secondary purpose of the new equipment is to assist in snow plowing operations.
- In the next few weeks the Planning Department will meet with the Department of Solid Waste Management to discuss logistics for the upcoming season.

Mr. Candeletti

- Are any of the County's vehicles equipped with a rotating brush?

Mr. Agliata

- No. We will look into the costs and feasibility of such a piece of equipment.

Update: This matter is being reviewed by Solid Waste Management.

Future Airport Improvements

Mr. Agliata

- With the completion of the new T-hangar building and the 6-24 Pavement Rehabilitation project set to commence in the spring, the airport will be entering what may be perceived as a "down period" in the intervening months
- However, during the next few months the County will be working with our engineering consultant and the FAA to update the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) and the Airport Layout Plan (ALP).
- The ACIP provides a schedule for the completion of upcoming capital improvement projects such as the replacement of the rotating beacon and the replacement of the perimeter fence. The ALP provides a graphical representation of the phasing of these improvements.

Items from the Floor:

Fence Strike

Mr. Candeletti

- Does the County intend to replace the sections of the interior fence that were recently damaged?

Mr. Agliata

- Yes. The County is currently working with the insurance carrier of the driver who struck the fence.

Mr. Hess

- Can you provide a summary of the incident?

Mr. Agliata

- Yes. About two weeks ago, a vehicle was being driven along Airport Road when the driver suffered a medical emergency.
- The vehicle went through the exterior fence and the interior fence, then came to a rest on the apron.

Mr. Simone

- The vehicle in question was a Chevy Tahoe. It was massive enough to pass through both fences with ease.

Mr. McKeon

- Apparently, the driver simply blacked out.
- Fortunately, the passenger was able to bring the vehicle to a stop just before it reached the taxiway.
- The incident was captured by the airport's security cameras.

McGuire Safety Office

Mr. Peck

- I have a contact at the McGuire Safety Office who is available to provide instruction to groups or individuals here at the airport.

Mr. Douthitt

- The Black Sheep recently hosted this gentleman. His presentation was very good and we would welcome him back.

Mr. Agliata

- Please supply the contact information to Steve and we will see if something can be arranged.

Mr. Candeletti

- If a venue and time is needed, the EAA meets in the OEM building on the first Tuesday of every month starting in January.

AWOS

Mr. Candeletti

- Is there a timeframe for the AWOS to be operational again? At present, it does not transmit any information about cloud conditions.

Mr. Hess

- It is my understanding that it is NOTAMed down until mid-December.
- The Atlantic City FAA may be able to provide more information on this.

Mr. Agliata

- We will follow up on this.

David McKeon's Retirement

Mr. Agliata

- Before we close the meeting, I would like to acknowledge Planning Director David McKeon, who will be retiring at the end of next month.
- Simply put, the airport wouldn't be where it is today without Dave's involvement and dedication.
- From the Pinelands MOA, to the terminal building, to the crosswind runway, Dave's tenure as Planning Director was marked by many significant contributions to the airport. He will be missed.

Mr. McKeon

- Thank you. I was glad I was able to attend one last meeting of this committee before my departure.
- Looking back on projects such as the crosswind runway, there was no way some of these improvements could have taken less time than they did, given the amount of work that was required.
- In all, I found my involvement with the airport very enjoyable. I learned a lot about, especially from the members of this committee about the various aspects of flying. It was a very interesting experience.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Mr. Agliata

- Please contact me or Steve with any issues.
- The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on January 24, 2018 at the Terminal Building.
- Members will be notified.

Closing: 7:39 PM