

Minutes
of the Meeting held September 9, 2024
Conroe North Houston Regional Airport Advisory Board

Members in Attendance:

Bill Wingo, Chairman
Gary Yount, Co-Chairman
Gil Staley
Kate Laukien
Barkley Spikes
Mike Barksdale

Members Absent:

Mark Christensen

Staff:

James Brown, Airport Director
Stormi Erickson, Board Secretary
Hunter Taber, Assistant County Attorney
Sara Forlano, Assistant County Attorney

Others in Attendance:

Bob Wright
Dirk Laukien
Vickie Croston
Evan Coghlan
Maria Roth
Michael Floyd
John Bridi
Jeremy Gee
Greg Evans
Tom Mayes
Keith Pache
Amy Chatman

There being a quorum present the meeting came to order at 4:30 pm.

1. Consider approval of the May 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Mr. Spikes made the motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Laukien seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. Airport Update:

- Mr. Brown presented the board with the September 2024 airport updates. Those updates are attached and made a copy of these minutes.
- Mr. Brown announced KCXO is ranked the 18th in the US for contract towers and 4th in the State, based on the FAA's Airport Operations Data. CXO was ranked the 3rd fastest growing airport last year.

3. Projects/Updates:

- Mr. Brown explained the gate and barbed wire fence projects will begin this month to enhance airport security.
- Mr. Brown announced the arrival of the airport's new ARFF truck. The new truck will bring the airports Index up to a B, allowing the airport to provide fire and rescue services to any aircraft that is eligible to use the airport. Mr. Brown shared his goals of having the ARFF truck stationed inside the AOA and the hours of operation.

4. Citizen/Tenant Comments:

- Mr. Pache mentioned using an app to open the gates instead of a card system. Mr. Brown shared the purposes of the card system and the trainings that he will present. Furthermore, Mr. Brown explained the importance of driving on the airport and incursions on taxiways.
- Mr. Yount asked about the TXDot and BIL Grant. Mr. Brown stated the TXDot grant went to commission in August, and is hopeful the remarking project will be started in the spring. Mr. Brown explained the BIL Grant will go towards the re-alignment project, and is hopeful it will go to the design phase by the end of FY25.
- Mr. Barksdale asked about the wildlife around the airport and possible incursions. Mr. Brown spoke about the Airport's wildlife mitigation program and the success it has had in preventing wildlife from entering the aircraft movement area.
- Mr. Barksdale asked the Assistant County Attorneys about the abandoned aircraft, and Ms. Forlano informed the board that there would be an aircraft seizure hearing held next week.

There being no further business, Mr. Barksdale made the motion adjourn, Mrs. Laukien seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Bill Wingo, Chairman Date

Stormi Erickson, Secretary Date