



Bentonville Municipal Airport Advisory Board
Meeting Thursday, July 18, 2019 — 1 pm
Community Development Building
305 SW "A" Street Bentonville, AR 72712

MINUTES

Chair, Richard Ham, opened the meeting of the Airport Advisory Board by leading the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at meeting: Dr. Richard Ham, Rick Simmons, Chris Faulhaber, Mike Frost, and Lisa Kelley.
Member absent: Octavio Sanchez. Attached is an attendance list for reference.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2019, Meeting

MOTION: Rick Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes from June meeting. Lisa Kelley seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approving the minutes. Motion carried.

Geese - Dennis Birge, Update on Geese Problem Solutions

Dennis Birge informed the board of options relating to the geese problem (see attached spreadsheet). After discussion of the options, Richard Ham of a three-tier proposal made a motion:

MOTION: 1-Use untrained dog provided by Chad Cox on a trial basis. Handler will kept records and report back to Board at next meeting. 2-If goose dog is successful, would like City to move forward with the lease/purchase of goose dog and handler. 3-Long term solution would be to have a City Employee on staff full-time at Airport for geese handling, maintenance of turf and other airport items. Mike Frost seconded the motion. All members in favor of approval, motion carried.

New Business

City Update - Charles Chadwick, Airport Manager

Mr. Chadwick gave an update on grants and awards received by the Airport. Chad Cox suggested that a banner be made to post at the airport announcing "Airport of the Year". Mr. Chadwick informed the Board would not front the money for the PAPIs. The City will need the grant approved first. Estimated

cost of equipment is \$35,000 and total is \$200,000. No update on the Airport Standards or Ordinance at this time.

Vehicle Access - Phillip Johnson of Summit Aviation

Mr. Johnson proposed a gravel access at the northeast corner to give 65' of access from the west taxiway to the east taxiway. This is a temporary solution until tunnel project is complete. This is privately funded. *MOTION: Mike Frost made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Rick Simmons. All members in favor of recommendation. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson also gave an update on fuel sales, which are up from last year.

Engineering and Construction - Adam White, Garver Engineers

Adam White gave a quick rundown on the current projects that are going on at the airport. Circular Apron is complete. Pre-con meeting held today for Runway Rehab project. Tunnel Project is design and hope to submit for LSD sometime in September. Tunnel to be in conjunction with East Taxiway project. Grant offer was made for the design of the South Extension project. Flight Center Parking Exp project has started and should be finished within 30 days. Pre-App meeting took place this week for Game Composite Hangars. No hangars will be added south of Game Composite due to setbacks and detention. PAPIs grant application has been completed and just awaiting approval from the State. Additional signage needed at the Airport and the City will look into the ordering of the sign. Turf Runway Improvements are just waiting on the Right of Entry. Dennis Birge informed the Board that the Dirt Pile Removal had zero bidders. The City will be looking at other options.

Brian Baldwin on behalf of Tailwind Foundation informed the Board that Tailwind is an organization that raises funds as needed. Mr. Baldwin finds it highly unlikely to be able to fund a handler for the goose dog.

Chris Faulhaber reminded the Board and Mr. Chadwick that his term is up as of September. That will meet the two-term limit.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: July 18, 2019

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Richard Ham - Chairman	X	
Rick Simmons - Vice-Chair	X	
Chris Faulhaber - Secretary	X	
Mike Frost - Member	X	
Lisa Kelley – Member	X	
Octavio Sanchez, Ex Officio Member		X
Charles Chadwick — Airport Manager	X	
Beverly Shepherd, Administrative Asst.		X
Tracy Billings	X	
Dennis Birge - COB	X	
Ellen Norvell - COB		
Travis Matlock - COB		
Phillip Johnson — Summit	X	
Adam White - Garver	X	
Chad Cox	X	
Mary Jordan - Reporter	X	

List of items for Geese problem:

Bentonville Airport Board GEESE Recommendations

Potential Solution	Effectiveness	1 yr Cost	Annual On-Going Cost	How To Implement	PROS	CONS	Notes
Police - Shotguns	High	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Call police each time geese are present.	effective in short term	time, public relations, notify public	eliminates immediate threat, may not have lasting impact
Falconry	HIGH	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	Long process - 2yrs	effective	Expensive	proven to work at other airports, just need to be able to fund
Goose Dog / Handler	High	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	Dog and handler must be certified	effective	Expensive	proven to work at other airports, just need to be able to fund
Goose Dog	High	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	Purchase for 6500 or lease at 500 per month, or \$200 per hour	Eats and scares the geese not needed 24/7	Must be on property to work	Requires individual to handle the dog
Goose Order (permit to shoot)	HIGH	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Exist now from April to Sept, Shoot geese on the airport	Effective	Must keep records	Public relations, could use retired military in the area
Airplane	minimal	0	0	Secondary benefit to take offs and landings	no cost	could cause a strike	planes on taxiway
Laser	minimal	\$ 700.00	\$ -	City employee	none	need to be certified to use	Not effective at all
Grass Spray	Unknown	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	Spray on grass	Geese does not like it, taste bad	lots of area to treat, EPA issues, expensive	Bird be gone
Full Time Employee	HIGH	\$ 82,100.00	\$ 61,600.00	City employee	make use of multiple options, do other airport tasks	Expensive	Would need equipment, potential to be partially funded by airport activities
Tail Grass	High	\$ (200.00)	\$ (200.00)	Mow less often near runways	Easy to implement	Geese still near runways = strikes	can implement NOW
Coyote Decoy	Limited	\$ 350.00	\$ 175.00	must have person to implement	Effective for short term	Not a long term, must be moved	Best used with a dog
Paintball gun	Limited	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	must have person to implement	aggravates geese	residual paint	Already own, need to purchase ammo
Remote control boat	Limited	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	must have person to implement	Chase geese	short term affect	could be used in conjunction with other harassment methods
Bargers (like M80)	Limited	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	must have person to implement	moves geese, but not far	short term affect	may be effective when used in conjunction with other methods
Screamers	Limited	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	must have person to implement	Moves geese	short term affect	may be effective when used in conjunction with other methods

Recommendation:

Hire 1 full time or 2 part time city employees to harass geese using highlighted activities above and do airport maintenance

- Mow grass
- change light bulbs
- clear runway, FOD
- Air sock replacement
- Gate repair
- Fence repair
- landscaping
- Painting
- Pavement inspections
- Spill control plan
- things on the runway (people, deer etc.)
- Keep other wildlife off runway

Requirements:

Radio
side by side ATV

Costs:

Employee at \$20/hr	41,600 / yr
Benefits	20,000/yr
Side by side	20,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Total	\$ 82,100.00

Cost share with Thaden Field House via tax reporting and with Summit/OZ.