

PRESENT: Committee members Chair Jeremy Young, Bill Veatch, John Benton, Port Commissioner Fred Duckwall, FBO Anne Yannotti, Port Executive Director Michael McElwee, Port Maintenance Supervisor Joe Pounders and Port Marketing Manager Mike Doke. Guest: Dave Koebel, Flightline Services.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Jeremy Young called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., noting the subcommittee would informally review maintenance and capital improvement projects and suggest priorities to the Airport Advisory Committee.

SINKHOLE

Anne Yannotti said there is a sinkhole under the runway, near the Runway 25 terminus. It has been a reoccurring event since summer 2005. Joe Pounders said his crew has been trying to find the sinkhole's source. John Benton suggested it was part of South Fork Cedar Creek. Dave Koebel noted the segmented circle/windsock are in this area and need replacement. He suggested they be moved to the airfield's north side.

AWOS

Pilots have expressed concern regarding the accuracy of the Automated Weather Observations System's anemometer. Port staff has explored raising the anemometer tower, but the airport's engineer, Century West, suggested that might not resolve the problem. Removing trees upwind (west) of the AWOS may have a better effect. The site has been surveyed. Port maintenance will look into tree removal.

GRASS RUNWAY

A variety of issues were broached in regards to a grass runway, which would be located north and adjacent to the existing paved runway. These issues include irrigation and slope. Michael McElwee suggested speaking with a landscape architect to get a better idea of potential costs associated with the grass runway.

RUNWAY LIGHTS

Runway lights have been an ongoing maintenance issue. Replacement is challenging since a potential runway shift may result in the loss of this capital investment. Resolution may depend on the county's adoption of the Airport Master Plan.

TIEDOWNS

Members said new tiedowns are needed at the airport, particularly on the northern tiedown apron. Recessed tiedowns are preferred. A plan to reconfigure the tiedowns to an east-west orientation was discussed. Young offered to create a layout design.

MOWING

A variety of suggestions were given to improve airport mowing. Fred Duckwall suggested one potential mowing source, and Yannotti noted another potential mower lives adjacent to the airfield. Port staff will explore mowing options.

PRIORITIES

Young said the airport's priorities appeared to be (most important first: sink hole, AWOS anemometer and tree cutting, grass runway development, gates, tiedowns, signs on gates and taxiway signs.

NEXT MEETING

Young wants these recommendations shared with the Airport Advisory Committee, which will have its next meeting the week of Feb. 18.