

THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA HELD ON THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order by Chairman Rod Keeling at 6:00 PM

2. **ROLL CALL** –

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Rod Keeling – Chairman Gene Moreman
Cynthia Stine – Co-Chair Pete Erickson
Louise Walden Phil Stratton
Delcie Schultz David Walters
Kathy Smith
Kurt Edleman
Richard Searle, County Representative

STAFF

Recording Secretary – Sherry Van Allen
Development Services - Jeff Stoddard

ABSENT

Rusty Harguess - Excused
Robert Smith – Excused
Richard Frank– Excused
John Wooll
Harley Smith

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** – No Flag was present.

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were declared by present Committee Members or Staff

5. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: Richard Searle moved we adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Kathy Smith seconded the motion. **CARRIED.**

6. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2009**

7. **MOTION:** David Walters moved we adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 19, 2009 as presented. **SECONDED:** Louise Walden seconded the motion. **CARRIED.**

8. **DISCUSSION ON INFORMATION OBTAINED ON THE AIRPORT**

Chairman Keeling went over the details of a memorandum prepared by the City Manager Mc Court.

- Equipment provided to the FBO for mowing and snow removals are provided by the County and probably needs replaced.
- Major upgrades of maintenance like runway/taxiway crackfill and sealing are completed under contract and usually through the grant program. The County has approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year in grant matches. An additional \$5,000.00 - \$7,000.00 per year in basic maintenance cost with no improvements.
New structures for private use, such as hangers and shades are handled through land leases with the individuals.
- The approximate income revenues for the airport are \$14,000.00 to \$16,000.00 per year if all of the hangers remain rented and the fuel sales are normal.
- The City would be facing a potential \$20,000 loss per year or more.
- The only resource available at this time to stimulate revenues from the airport is through land leases.
- Would Cochise County and the City of Willcox, be interested in entering into some type of Airport joint venture?

9. **DISCUSSION ON THE PROCESS THE COMMITTEE WILL UNDERTAKE TO CREATE ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL.**

Chairman Keeling discussed Economic Development as our next agenda item. Everyone was

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encouraged to keep an open mind. The growth of Willcox would be a way to bring additional employment opportunities and revenues to the area.

COMMENTS ONLY, FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE/CITY STAFF, NOT FOR DISCUSSION.

No Comments from committee members

Recording Secretary Sherry Van Allen announced that the next meeting will be held in City Hall, Suite A at 101 S. Railroad Avenue, due to a scheduling conflict with the new facilities.

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Larry Schultz addressed the committee recommending they change their meeting night so the City Manager could attend.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Airport Ad Hoc Committee, Chairman Keeling adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Airport Ad Hoc Committee of the City of Willcox held on the 2nd day of April 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of APRIL 2009

s/s Sherry Lynn Van Allen

Recording Secretary Sherry Van Allen

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2009.

CHAIRMAN ROD KEELING

Recording Secretary Sherry Van Allen