

TOWN OF PAYSON
AIRPORT COMMISSION
Monday, October 8, 2012, 6:30 PM
Town Council Chambers

A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Hunt called to order the duly posted Airport Commission meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Payson Town Council Chambers.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

C. **Roll Call**

Jim Hunt, Bill Day, Dick Garmon, Robert Henley, Dan Nyhus, and Jon Barber were present.

Staff: LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager and Ray Law, Airport Coordinator.

Others Present: Five members of the airport community were present.

D. **Public Comments - Comments concerning items not on the agenda.**

Member Henley reported the successful results of the EAA Young Eagles event on Saturday, October 6th. He thanked the airport staff for their assistance. The event gave flights to 85 young people and there were 11 aircraft who participated. Also, Member Barber challenged the other Commissioners to become official volunteers.

E. **Minutes**

Minutes from September 10, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Vice Chairman Day had one correction to the minutes. Chairman Hunt requested a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chairman Day and seconded by Member Garmon.

Approved 6-0

F. **Items for Discussion/Possible Action**

1. Airport Courtesy Car -

There were no actions taken on this Item.

2. AWOS Replacement

Mr. Garrett reported that the FAA and ADOT had approved the bid and awarded the contract to a contractor in Tucson. The Town is waiting for the bond and signed contract to be sent back so they can authorize the work to begin. There were no actions taken on this Item.

3. Renaming of Payson Airport

Chairman Hunt asked for comments. Vice Chairman Day said that he had originally heard this proposal at a Payson Pilots Association meeting. He had then mentioned it to Mr. Garrett and then contacted Dennis Corsi at Armstrong to inquire about the process. Mr. Corsi sent an e-mail to Vice Chairman Day and Mr. Garrett outlining the process that had to be done. Vice Chairman Day went on to say that this was a very preliminary study and that he hoped to hear other comments from Commission members and the public. He realized that any such change would have to go through the Town Council. He said that he felt Rich Henry had played an important role in the development of the airport. Vice Chairman Day stated that the process with the FAA seemed simple and that Mr. Corsi had suggested that the potential name would be Payson Municipal Airport, Rich Henry Field. After more discussion and favorable comments from audience members, Member Barber moved that the airport be named after Rich Henry. Member Henley seconded the motion. Chairman Hunt asked for any discussion then called for the vote. Motion was passed 6 - 0. Vice Chairman Day and Mr. Paul Pitkin volunteered to create a proposal package to send to the Town Council.

4. Leased Storage Space for Payson Pilots Association

There were no actions taken on this Item.

G. Management Report and Discussion

Mr. Law reported on the successful events that had occurred during the month to include the Arizona Pilots Association/American Yankee Association/Recreational Aircraft Federation Fly-in Camp out and the EAA Young Eagles flights. He also reported that the airport mower had been repaired and was back in operation. Mr. Law stated that he has requested pavement repair on the road to the Fuel Farm. Also, C and S Engineering came to the airport on October 2nd to survey the condition of the runway and taxiway pavement for ADOT's Pavement Preservation Program. Mr. Law also wanted to publicly thank Jesse Wallace for his hard work preparing the airport and campground for the two large events this past month. In addition, Mr. Law thanked Commissioner Garmon for his volunteer work removing the weeds and grass from the embankment in front of the Crosswinds Restaurant. Chairman Hunt asked if C & S Engineering had any comments about the runway/taxiway condition. Mr. Law stated that one of the engineers had said that the pavement was "better than they expected". Mr. Garrett stated that he had not heard anything, but that their report should be out soon. He reminded the Commission that the pavement crack sealing work was scheduled for Fiscal Year 2014. There was a short discussion regarding whether ADOT would provide any work on the ramps. Mr. Garrett stated that the ramps were in the program but were several years out. Mr. Law continued his report stating that he and Mr. Garrett would be traveling to Phoenix Friday for the Arizona Airport Association Fall Conference. Chairman Hunt thanked Mr. Law for his hard work.

Member Nyhus asked about the timing of the planned move of the taxiway for the ACIP requirement and if it would occur soon enough that it would result in the resurfacing of the taxiway one year and then tearing it up the next. Mr. Garrett stated that the move of the taxiway was still several years out and should not be a factor. He estimated the move of the taxiway could still be 8 to 10 years out. There was a short discussion about what had to happen before the taxiway could be moved.

H. Schedule of future meetings and requests to Staff for the placement of items on future Commission Agendas – No Discussion Permitted.

Chairman Hunt stated that the next scheduled meeting was on Veteran's Day and he recommended that they not meet in November. The December 10th date which would be normal meeting date was in conflict with the PPA Holiday Dinner. The question came up as to whether there was a need to meet every month. Mr. Garrett stated that the requirement was to meet quarterly. Chairman Hunt recommended that they consider what items needed to be discussed and decide when the next meeting should occur. Member Henley asked whether the Commission would need to meet regarding the renaming of the airport. There was a short discussion about that topic culminating in the expectation that the Commission might have to meet again before the matter was sent to Council. Member Barber brought up a future agenda item to discuss the future leases on the restaurant and fuel concession. Chairman Hunt agreed that should be included on the next agenda. Mr. Garner suggested that perhaps the Commission should keep its scheduled meeting dates, then cancel them if not needed. Chairman Hunt agreed that was a good suggestion and reiterated that the November meeting would definitely be cancelled. Member Henley inquired about the replacement Commission member. Mr. Garrett stated that the individual they had offered it to had declined it. The Town had also realized that if they appointed someone now, their appointment would only go until the end of the year, so therefore it was decided not to appoint someone until the new year began. Member Henley asked if all the interested people would have to reapply. Mr. Garrett said that the Town retains applications for one year, so most would not have to reapply. If there were others that were interested, they could still apply before the end of the year. Mr. Garrett

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confirmed that an e-mail had been sent out to the airport users asking for applications. Member Nyhus requested that another e-mail be sent with a new deadline for applying. Mr. Garrett stated that he would do that. Mr. Garner asked what the lengths of terms were for the Commission members. Mr. Garrett stated that it was different for some members, for instance Mr. Law's appointment was only to the end of the year where others were appointed for multiple years.

Chairman Hunt called for any additional agenda items. There were none.

I. Adjournment

Adjournment motion was made. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.