



# Ocala Airport Advisory Board Minutes

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Thursday, May 23, 2019

## Regular Meeting

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### 1. INVOCATION

### 2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

### 3. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
H. Randolph Klein	Chairman	Present	
Howard Rohrbacher Jr.	Board Member	Absent	
Charles A. Savage III	Board Member	Present	
Terry Crawford	Vice - Chairman	Present	
John "Chap" "Chap' Dinkins	Board Member	Absent	

Also, in attendance were: Matthew Grow, Airport Director; Michael Baker, Operations Manager; Jason Smoker, Airport Operations; Paul Nehring, Quest Avionics; Kyle Van Atta, Sheltair; Ken Whitehead, Assistant City Manager; Jeremiah Delgado, Ocala News and Haydee Sosa, Airport Administration

### 4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

#### a. Approved Motion to amend the minutes

Vice Chairman Crawford expressed concern about the location the car wash rack at the southern end of the airport at the 4/25 meeting and requested this be included.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Klein, Savage III, Crawford
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rohrbacher Jr., Dinkins

#### b. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 25, 2019

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Klein, Savage III, Crawford
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rohrbacher Jr., Dinkins

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### a. Aviation Terminal Building - Update

The plywood is going up on the roof and the rubberized cover is being installed. There was a walk through with the contractor to point out such things as television placements, etc. Everything is on track. We are still looking at an early December completion date. We have

reached out to the Collins Foundation, it's not a done deal yet, but we would like to have them come in early January and tied their arrival in with the Grand Opening of the terminal. A planning meeting on the terminal is scheduled today at 2:30 pm. Sheltair, and their corporate people, will be there to tour it.

#### **b. Construction - Update**

Taxiway Alpha - We designed it, it went out to bid late last year hoping to get an FAA Grant, part of their AIP money that was made available. We didn't make the first round. The second round of money, which was about \$700 million worth of funding, only three airports in Florida had their projects funded through that supplemental pot. We were not one of them. The bid has been getting revised. There are changes in the FAA Spec that we had to accommodate. The deadline for this grant is June 28th. There is a 99% chance that we'll get this Grant this time around. This time it's a different pot of money administered by the Orlando Airport District Office, as opposed to Washington, DC. This grant money will be used to straighten out the curve on Taxiway Alpha, so the turn won't be so acute. A question was raised if there was ever a plan to move the center line. The response was that there is no money to do that at this time. This would only involve relocating all the electric and drainage. Just the rehabilitation to Alpha, now, with the signage replacement that needs to be done, is about \$6 million. If we had to relocate the center line of Alpha, we'd be looking at closer to \$15 - \$20 million. What we are doing now is a mill and fill project. This entails fixing some of the connectors that don't meet current FAA criteria specifications. The specifications that we must meet are design fill-it specifications on the radius, on the turns, on the connectors, as well as the direct connection between the apron across the taxiway onto the runway. Connectors on Alpha 1, Alpha 3, Alpha 6 and Alpha 10 must also be corrected.

The Stavola Hangar at Alpha 10 is coming along nicely. Their lease in Gainesville expires at the end of the month. The Alpha-10 Utility Project is projecting well, they are on track to be completing by early to mid-June. This project involved extending water lines and sewer lines, re-fencing around the area and installing a lift station for the sewer.

MZero A, who had their lease approved by Council last month, are still in the design stages of their site plan.

The Air Traffic Control Tower Equipment will be replaced. A lot of the radios in the tower are funded through the State. This is currently out to bid. The FAA is looking at doing some work on the glide slope and we've spoken to the FAA and discussed that project, and also talked about the bright strip printer up in the tower because right now if you are going IFR, they have to handwrite out everything. The strip printer eliminates a lot of labor involved in this process.

A question was raised about filling in the drainage retention area, east of the T hangars; is that a project that is in design, or is that a project that we are just thinking about? Matt mentioned that it is programmed in the CIP. It is listed with FDOT right now. We are a couple years out from doing it; filling in a pond, expanding a pond, and then expanding the T-hangar project. The City Engineer has looked into this for options, i.e., pumps to take the water elsewhere.

**c. Restaurant RFP - Update**

The Restaurant RFP was re-released after the original submission backed out. We received one additional submission, the Review Committee has it and they will be meeting on May 30th to discuss this. A question was raised regarding making concessions in the bid out to make a restaurant happen? The response was that everything is on the table and will be part of the negotiations. Another question was raised regarding the Public Meeting Room and that it is not really a dedicated Public Meeting Room, it's part of the restaurant, is it not? The response was that there is a dedicated Public Meeting Room about 700 sq. ft. fully controlled by the Airport, with the ability to open it up to twice that size. There was a discussion regarding how to have safety meetings in Ocala and having them set up at the new terminal.

**6. NEW BUSINESS****a. Sheltair Hangar 90% Drawings**

A 90% drawing of the new Sheltair Hangar was presented to the Board. They are proposing a 19,800 sq. ft. hangar with about 3,400 sq. ft. of office space. Mr. Crawford stated that would eliminate the road as you come through the gate, and the only other way to do it, is to restrict everyone to come through the other gate at the other end. Maybe you could open access through the parking lot with another gate, so that the T-hangars could be accessed to the taxiway along the south side of the T-hangars. When the north gate was added, was it added to allow T-hangar customers to accessing it without using the FBO screen? Mr. Baker said "No", the gate cards work on every gate. There currently aren't any restrictions for any card holder right now as to what gate they can access.

Motion and second to have Sheltair be required to provide access to the T-hangars off of the current parking lot at the north end. All in favor.

**7. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT****a. Fuel and Ops**

Operations - Best April since the tower opened just over 7,000 total operations. We have a new Tower Manager - Don Rolette, introduced himself. He spent fifteen years as a Controller in Wisconsin. He discussed the benefits of Bright Radar Slave Screen and a Strip Printer. The benefit would be a radar feed right into the tower. Right now, we do not have radar, we do everything digitally. This would assist in being able to get traffic in and it would cut down on delays. As far as the printer, this would put us in the network with the FAA where we would be getting their strips and other information directly from the network instead of going through phone communications.

The IFR Itinerant were 1,840 operations in April compared to 1,519 but the Air Carrier "AC" last year April of 2018 was 9 and we only had 5 last month. That impacted our fuel sales.

Fuel - Jet A was down 6% last month which contributed to an overall negative monthly number of -1.4%. We are still up on the year at 11% over. AVGas sales are doing well, double digit increases every month, 40.2% on the year. We get \$06.5 cents for every gallon sold.

**8. PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAR**

**9. PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAR WHO ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA**

To promote a more orderly flow of business, the Board will limit presentations to three minutes unless additional time has been reserved prior to issuance of the agenda, through the Airport Director's Office.

**10. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS**

**11. COMMENTS BY OTHERS**