

**CITY OF BUCKEYE  
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2014  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Board Member Schwartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Board Member Paul Daffinrud, Board Member Steve St. John, Board Member Jeff Schwartz, Board Member Ken Spencer, Alternate Board Member Larry Runge, Alternate Board Member Ted Burton, Council Liaison Brian McAchran(Via Conference Call)

**Members Absent:** Chairman David Reynolds, Board Member Stan Goldman, Alternate Board Member Larry Runge

**City Staff Present:** Airport Coordinator John McMahon, Management Assistant Nanci Dixon,

**2. Comments from the Public - Members of the audience may comment on any item of interest.**

No comments.

**3. Minutes**

**Board to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting.**

A motion was made by Board Member Spencer and seconded by Board Member Daffinrud to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2014 Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Race to the Runway 2014**

Miranda Gomez, Community Services Recreation Manager, provided an update on the Buckeye Marathon, scheduled for December 13, 2014. In December 2013, the city was approached by the Arizona League of Towns and City to participate in the "Let's Move" initiative, a national initiative challenged by First Lady Michelle Obama to get communities engaged in better fitness and health opportunities in addition to partnering with schools and businesses to encourage and promote healthy lifestyles. The marathon was certified as a Boston Marathon qualifier and will begin in the Festival Foothills community and finish at the Airport. Board Member Daffinrud asked what the Committee could do to participate. Mr. McMahon invited Board Members to participate in hosting the Air Fair booth. Board Member Schwartz confirmed that age groups for the 5K are varied and that the race is being announced on all available websites. Alternate Board Member Burton confirmed that Community Services will be speaking to various groups to promote the event.

**5. RSAT – Infield Grading Project**

Mr. McMahon reported Council approved funding of the Runway Safety Action Team infield grading project. A preconstruction meeting will be held October 16, 2014. The project will upgrade the 24 inch culverts underneath the cross taxiways that are approximately 250 feet off the runway, work will include grading and installation of sloped grates. There will be minimum runway closures. Total project cost is approximately \$150,000 with ninety-five percent of costs covered by the FAA, five percent from ADOT and five percent paid for by the City.

**6. Non-Aeronautical Use Exemption from FAA**

Mr. McMahon reported that a short term facility use agreement was entered into with the Buckeye Police Department for the storage of SWAT vehicles and equipment in the SE hangar. Approval was requested and received from the FAA. Lease will be \$1,000 per month for two year term. There is a stipulation that if there is aviation interest in leasing this hangar, the Police department will relocate their equipment to Hangar #1.

**7. Abandoned Aircraft and Hangar Status**

Mr. McMahon reported on the cleanup of the unoccupied Hangar #1. Staff is in the process of auctioning off the abandoned aircraft from the hangar through Government Surplus Auction. Any items not sold can be liquidated otherwise. WestMEC has shown interest in receiving the planes through donation for student use. Once emptied, the hangar can be modified for limited access covered aircraft storage at \$75/month.

**8. Airport Coordinator Report**

Mr. McMahon provided the quarterly Airport report. Fuel sales are doing well; Buckeye is still low compared to neighboring airports. The Lauridsen Aviation Museum is still operating; there are no updates on any future expansion or development. During the annual planning meeting with ADOT it was suggested to re-apply for funding for a future approach zone under the 74 acre land acquisition. The land will be preserved as a buffer zone for the Airport. On October 21, a workshop will be held by Council and

a presentation given related to development of an access road at the Airport. Additionally three Airport Capital Improvement Projects(ACIP) will be discussed: development of additional T-hangars, water infrastructure and a Fixed Based Operator terminal office. Three fly-ins are scheduled for November 18, December 13 and January 10, 2015 and will be advertised on Arizona Airport Association.

**9. Comments from Airport Advisory Board Members**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Board Member Spencer and seconded by Board Member St. John to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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**Jeff Schwartz, Board Member**

**ATTEST:**

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**Nanci Dixon, Management Assistant**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on the 8th day of October, 2014. I further certify that a quorum was present.

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**Nanci Dixon, Management Assistant**