

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14, 2018
MINUTES**

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

Chairman St. John called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Board Member Mark Meinhardt, Board Member Larry Runge, Board Member Jeff Schwartz, Board Member Ken Spencer, Chairman Steve St. John

Members Absent: Board Member Paul Daffinrud , Alternate Board Member Douglas Brooks

City Staff Present: Airport Coordinator Ryan Reeves, Management Assistant Nanci Dixon

Copperstate: Jack Norris, Vice-President, Mark Weiss, Fly-in Manager, Carlos Hernandez, Fly-in Director, Randy Tang, Fly-in Planning Consultant/Ex-Safety Chairman

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Schwartz and seconded by Board Member Runge to approve the January 10, 2018 Airport Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion passed.

3. Fee Comparison Study and New Proposed Fees

Mr. Reeves provided a comparison study of current fees and proposed fees for the airport. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the study was not complete. Chairman St. John tabled the item for a future meeting.

4. APS Lease Renewal

Mr. Reeves reported that APS had not yet completed their review of the lease renewal and that no action would be necessary by the Board at this time. Chairman St. John tabled the item for a future meeting.

5. Copperstate Fly-In

A presentation was given by the Copperstate Fly-In Committee outlining an opportunity for the City to partner with Copperstate for future Buckeye Air Fair events. Committee members provided input into past events at various airports and their desire to hold their event in Buckeye. Staff would continue to work with Copperstate on future action.

6. Airport Coordinator Report

Mr. Reeves reported on various airport activities. Landings and takeoffs are up in March; 2,612 operations compared to 2,325 same time last year. Flight schools have increased their activity at the airport. Fuel sales are down however there is a climbing trend, current price is \$4.05; average in the region is \$5.00 per gallon. The Air Fair was a successful event and included aircraft, rides and various activities. There were no safety events, no injuries to persons or aircraft and no FAA violations during the air show. 625 gallons of fuel was sold during a seven hour period. EAA Chapter 55 will be holding a fly-in on April 28 from 7:00AM - 10:00AM. Gingg Farms has terminated their lease effective April 1. Several business proposals are being submitted by various aircraft business operations who would like to operate at the airport. Discussions are ongoing with Desert Skydiving for upcoming lease renewal. The automated weather observation system (AWOS) temperature probe was recently replaced as it was noted to be out of compliance during a recent inspection. Staff will be attending Sun and Fun in Lakeland Florida, meeting with operational staff at the event.

7. Comments from Airport Advisory Board Members

Board Member Meinhardt requested an informal session to further discuss collaborative opportunities. Chairman St. John requested an update to the Minimum Airport Standards requirements.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Runge and seconded by Board Member Spencer to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Steve St. John, Chairman

ATTEST:

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 14th day of March, 2018. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Nanci Dixon, Management Assistant