

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
CALHOUN COUNTY AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN UPDATE
MARCH 18, 2014

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Mr. Green was introduced by Bob Fleck, Airport Manager. Mr. Green provided handouts and drawings of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Mr. Green explained the Airport Layout Plan is a drawing that depicts existing and proposed facilities. Mr. Green said the drawing is important because it shows how the Airport meets FAA and DOT standards for design, safety and land use. Mr. Green said the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is usually updated every five years, but Calhoun County's ALP has not been updated since 2007 noting there has been a lot of new development at the Airport since 2007 with the construction of new hangars, apron and runway. Mr. Green suggested the base map needs to be updated and this is the primary reason for the ALP update. Mr. Green explained ALPs are routinely updated to show the construction of new facilities, acquisition of land, or changes in the airport design standards. He said this is also an opportunity for the Board to review proposed future development and make adjustments to reflect current goals and objectives to respond to changes in aviation demand.

2014 ALP UPDATE OBJECTIVES

Mr. Green stated the objectives of the current ALP are:

- Update the ALP base map to reflect Airport improvements completed since 2007, including the new runway, expansion of the aircraft parking apron, new hangars, roadway improvements, weather reporting equipment, and property acquisition.
- Review and revise, as needed, the location and layout of proposed future buildings, taxiways, aprons, roads, parking lots, and other Airport features.
- Evaluate and depict areas for future "long-range" aviation related development.
- Update construction cost estimates for projects anticipated to be undertaken in the next five year period.

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Mr. Green said the base map has been updated to include all new development since 2007. Mr. Green said now is the time to look at the future growth of the Airport and determine what to consider. Mr. Green stated this is the County's Plan and they should provide as much input as possible. Mr. Green said URS would provide guidance in preparing the update.

Mr. Green discussed some of the things the Board may want to address in the ALP update.

- FAA Design Changes on taxiways– Last year the FAA issued guidance on land use regulations for Runway Protection Zones (RPZs). He explained Runway Protection Zones are a trapezoidal area off the end of the runway. The FAA issued a guidance letter stating public roads are not compatible with RPZs. Mr. Green said the last approved ALP has part of the RPZ going across Silas Whitfield Road and a small portion across SR 71. Mr. Green discussed a couple of options and said this will be addressed in the ALP.
- Acquisition of large parcel of land south of the Airport provides for future opportunities to expand the runway (4300 feet) which will allow use by large twin engine airplanes and smaller jets.
- Potential use of property in Industrial Park for aviation growth – more hangars/aprons
- Expand Terminal Building as Airport grows
- Improve Terminal Facilities – decrease vehicle traffic on aprons

Mr. Green said a four hour public workshop on the Airport Layout Plan Update was held today at the Airport with good feedback. Mr. Green said airport tenants, users, and the public were provided a survey form to give their input on facility needs and the future of the Airport. Mr. Green said he would provide the Commissioners with copies of all survey forms and comment forms submitted.

There being no further business, the Workshop was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. C.T.


THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

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