

RUSTY ALLEN AIRPORT PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

from the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 26, 1998

FAA/TxDOT AIRPORT ACTION PLAN

The City of Lago Vista, which owns our airport that we manage and operate by contract entered into agreement with the FAA/TxDOT to perform an Airport Action Plan. This plan is a comprehensive 5 year planning document. This process started on March 11, 1997 and it is now finished. This has been a public process and as you know we have been tracking it, giving our input and have discussed it at least 8 times in our newsletters. This Airport Action Plan cost \$25,000.00 and the 10% local fund requirement (\$2,500.00) was paid by our association in March 1997. *J*

These Airport Action Plans are rather lengthy. KSA Engineers delivered 3 copies of it. Two of those copies are at the City Hall in Lago Vista for public review. We were given one copy. From that we have reproduced 20 copies which is all we thought we could afford. We have 40 members in our association. So the 20 copies of these Airport Action Plans are being distributed and mailed to 17 members with instruction for them to pass their copy along to another member after they have reviewed it. Three copies for out of town members are in George Eeds office for you. Call him at 512-346-2076 for a copy.

Now, why is all of this important. Please recall that this Airport Action Plan, which is funded (90%) by the FAA/TxDOT is the central document from which the FAA/TxDOT will determine the capital improvements to our airport. You will find in Table 4 that if the FAA/TxDOT were to fund everything then it will be approximately \$1,500,000.00. Our local share of that (10%) would then be \$150,000.00. That \$150,000.00 would have to be paid by our association just like we paid the 10% or \$2,500.00 for the Airport Action Plan. In other words, as you know, the City Lago Vista will not pay the 10%. So, it is up to us as the years go by.

We expect that FAA/TxDOT will only initially in year 2000 approve approximately \$450,000.00. This means that we will have to raise \$45,000.00 by then. Your board has had several meetings on finding a financial plan for this. We have considered an assessment over a 3 year period of time amongst the 64 lots at the airport, selling a bond and creating a mortgage and simply borrowing the money.

Ronnie Moore the lead engineer who did this Airport Action Plan will be attending our membership meeting on July 22, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in Lago Vista. Ronnie is on our meeting agenda which is enclosed. So, this is the opportunity to learn about this Airport Action Plan and ask questions.

AVIATION FUEL

Good news... we have finally secured a vendor and signed a contract for aviation fuel at our airport. Your board has spent a lot of time wrestling with this. It was difficult to get somebody to put in a facility for us because the past experiences of avfuel sales volumes did not warrant a new investment. We argued that a fuel supplier should consider the potential, our growth and with some marketing could do well.

Mr. Don Lewis, owner of Beaumont Wings, is our avfuel contractor. He is in the aviation business. He operates the Beaumont and Hardin County Airports and is an FBO. He will be putting in a 10,000 gallon tank with a new state of the art card reader. The tank will be placed on the city property about 25' north of the asphalt edge of the transient ramp. The hose reel and dispenser will be next to the asphalt and most aircraft wings will clear it. It will be self-serve like before and will take most major credit cards. The brand name is Texaco. August 1, 1998 is the expected opening date.

Now, please guys, buy your avfuel locally. We must do that if we are going to keep an avfuel supplier at our airport.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A general membership meeting has been called for July 22, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lago Vista City Hall. An agenda for that is enclosed. As discussed earlier, Ronnie Moore P.E. with KSA Engineers will be there to present the Airport Action Plan, a discussion, and answer all your questions. This is very important. The other agenda item for this meeting is for anyone to express their comments, concerns, questions, objections of any matter to your board. Please attend.

WORKDAY

We had a workday on May 9, 1998. We redid the transient parking lot with new cables and chains, cleaned up the weeds around the abandoned storage sheds at our entrance and around the water well pump house. David Alger brought his tractor and mowed the runway edges and weed-eated around all the runway lights. Carl Vernon used a bobcat tractor he had and leveled up where the old fuel tank used to be. Thanks to Leo Slaton, Art Koehn, George Eeds and Lloyd and Peggy Morris for putting in a lot of work on the workday.

AN ENLIGHTENING STORY

A flight in the Boeing Stearman was recently contributed to the Cedar Park Library Fund Raising Silent Auction. The high bidder paid \$250.00 for that. Then they paid another \$500.00 to the Lago Vista Airpower Museum because they enjoyed the flight so much. So a win-win fun time.

--Fly Safely