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Hicks Airfield, Fort Worth, Texas (Tango 67) September 2021**

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Runway And Taxiway Closures

The runway at Hicks will be closed starting Monday, October 4 through Friday, October 8 for resealing and re-stripping. There will be a NOTAM issued. It will be closed for a minimum of five days.

In addition, beginning the following week, taxiways will be resealed, including asphalt areas of taxiway #3. All areas of the airport will be re-stripped. Please respect taxiway closures and do not drive around barricades. These dates are subject to weather conditions.

In preparation for the taxiway work, it is important that property owners cut back the grass that is adjacent to the taxiways to facilitate the sealing.

Steve Grace Resigns As HAPA President

At the end of the September 9 HAPA Board meeting, president Steve Grace read a statement saying he was resigning from the Board.

Grace said, "It has been a very contentious position as a very few members of HAPA have complained that I was not elected to the board by the membership even though the president can be and has been appointed to the board in the past. (Editor's note: As an appointed president, Grace did not vote on any HAPA matters.) At the advice of the HAPA attorney, the board, with my concurrence, the board has elected to replace me for the remainder of the year."

Grace will continue to serve as the airport manager. "As I believe everyone knows, I have been working to make Hicks a number one rated private airport," he said.

The board voted John Unangst to replace Grace as president.

Perspective From A New Resident

Jody Smith closed on her purchase of hangar 729 in May of this year. She is not living there full time yet since she is making a few renovations to the property, but she is eager to become a 24/7 resident.

Smith is a student pilot, her 26 year old son has his pilot's license, and she has friends who fly in and make use of her hangar. One thing she was a little disappointed by was the volume of non-aviation related traffic on the taxiways, and that planes have to sometimes dodge vehicles. She is glad the board has focused on safety.

"I am appreciative of the board's work to make Hicks a great place to live, a great place to fly your plane in and out of. The board wants it to be a well maintained airport," Smith said. She has also noticed there seems to be a small faction of property owners who are trying to derail the good things that need to be done at Hicks.

She was sad to see former HAPA president Steve Grace resign at September's board meeting. "I feel he represented the board and the homeowners' desires to move this airport forward and keep it going and keep it being a safe place. And it is just very sad that somebody who volunteers gets bashed by those who don't even seem to live there or are not pilots or have planes," Smith said.

Smith knows all about volunteering. She is the former mayor of Flower Mound and knows how many volunteer hours go into serving on boards and committees. She thinks it is important for Hicks property owners to get involved by coming to meetings, being informed on the issues, and volunteering if able. She plans to get to know more of her neighbors. "What I would like to do is to continue to meet people and talk to people and hopefully encourage them to come to meetings, and maybe if one or two people from each taxiway could come and share their thoughts and sort of do a rotation, maybe more people would get there," she said.

Smith suggests recording the board meetings, then uploading them on the t67.org website, so they are available for property owners to review. "It's something that allows people to see and hear what truly did go on," she said.

Brush Fire Closes Hicks



A brush fire temporarily closed Hicks Airport on September 4. It happened around 12:30 pm near the beginning of runway 14. The fire burned grass between the most easterly train track and the track just to the west of it. The Saginaw and Haslet fire departments responded with brush trucks and tankers.

Report Safety And Other Issues

Vehicles and golf carts have recently been seen on the runway. This is a reminder to report incidents as soon as possible by going to the t67.org website.

Once you have logged into your account you will see the link for "Incidents". To make a report, click on that link. In the drop down menu you can choose from one of the following:

- Aviation Incident
- CCR violation
- ERT Activation,
- Overdue Aircraft
- Safety Issue
- Security Concern

Add the date of the incident. Your contact information will be automatically generated through your log in. Write a description of the incident, including location, details of any people involved, and what happened. Once you have completed the write-up, press the "report incident" button.

Once reviewed, the report will be officially logged. The president or airport manager will be notified of new incidents daily. Property owners can only see the incidents they create.

Airport Manager Steve Grace, who was out of state at the time, was notified and immediately issued a NOTAM. Fire incident commander Scott Craver says something sparked from the power pole or power line and ignited the grass, burning about 2 acres. Craver says the spark was not from a train.

Several quick power outages happened just before the fire sparked, but the power came right back on. The airport was closed for just over an hour.



Brush fire near runway on September 4, 2021

President's Message

HAPA will be asking you to vote either electronically or by mail on the ballot for the upcoming election.

Electronic voting is the wave of the future and your elected board has decided to embrace this wave of technology. This method is secure, easy to use, timely and saves our association money. The vote count will be almost instantaneous and the chance of errors will be eliminated.

HAPA will be using an electronic voting application and your ballot will be sent to the email address on file. For anyone who does not want to electronically vote, a paper ballot will also be mailed to the address on file. Please fill out your ballot and mail it back in a soon as possible.

As mentioned over the past few months there are currently three positions open that need to be filled. The elected persons should be available and have time to commit to the position. When elected, the term limit is two years.

Stephen Grace, Former HAPA president

Hicks Airfield Pilots Association September 9, 2021 Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by HAPA Pres. Steve Grace at 7:00 pm at Hangar 137.

Board Directors present: Jeff Allred, Tom Boback, Roy Geer, Jeff Sheets,

Directors present via Zoom: Marlin Klotz, John Unangst

Mike Reddick present as HAPA Treasurer & Mary Reddick present as Alt Secretary.

Attorney David Coker present via Zoom.

Directors Absent: Tim Bero

Meeting open to Hicks property owners only. Hold your questions until the end of the meeting.

Summary of Closed session of the board:

Discussed delinquent accounts & Financial Reports.

Discussed electronic election in December.

Discussed HAPA rules & restrictions.

Discussed HAPA fine structure for infractions of rules/restrictions.

Held nominations for HAPA President. Two board members volunteered. Tim Bero, via email, nominated himself. His nomination died for lack of a second. John Unangst was nominated by Roy & seconded by Tom. Vote was 4-1 to have John replace Steve as HAPA President. (See President's statement at the end of these minutes.)

Old Business:

Motion to approve Aug 19 minutes: made by Jeff and Second by Tom Vote 6-0

Septic issues: Brad has had Covid for 12 days now. He's getting slowly better. Thankfully, the recent dry spell has allowed our septic fields to mostly work properly with few problems.

Runway needs re-sealing. Taxiways needs re-sealing every 3 years so it needs to be done also as we had numerous taxiways patched or completely recovered in the spring. The engineering firm we consulted told us the runway is in good shape and should last us another 10 years if we seal it properly. Our runway is overdue to crack sealing.

Bid #1 from Little: Runway alone \$106,278 Taxiway bid is \$66,900 for a total of \$173,178 covering 41,000 ft of crack seal.

Bid #2 from Midway: Runway alone \$50,400 Taxiway bid to seal entire airport asphalt area is \$65,000 for a total of \$115,400 covering 10,000 ft of crack seal.

Each bidder is using P631, 2 coats each, and re-striping the rwy and all taxiways. Taxiway #3 is concrete and will be excluded in the taxiway sealing project.

Re-sealing is currently scheduled for Second Monday of Oct. The runway will probably be closed for 3-4 days. Taxiway closures will occur also as the sealing crew works their way around the airport.

Grass along the runway and taxiways needs to be cut/trimmed back to as low as possible for the re-sealing project. We will be notifying owners as we get closer to the start date.

Motion to approve Midway Sealing bid to seal the runway and taxiways as described. Made by Tom Second Roy Vote 5-1 Jeff Voted no.

HAPA Documents have been returned to the HAPA hangar. The board task to replace collapsed boxes remains to be done, pending cooler weather.

New Business:

Electronic election this December via company Election Buddy, which works with numerous HOA's. Details to be worked out in the near future. Elections are coming up in December. If you have the availability, please consider running for the board. Three positions are open with a 2 year term each.

Treasurer's Report: Financial documents will be posted to the HAPA website through the end of August. Members can view financial documents after signing into the website.

Security Issues:

Vehicles on the runway at night on Sat 9/4. The T67 website has a form for reporting security issues if you see an issue on the airfield. We investigate all issues you report, so please use the website.

Legal Status update by Dave Coker:

North gate: We're going through evidence and drafting counterclaims.

South gate mediation will occur on Oct 8th.

President's Statement:

At the close of this meeting, I will no longer be holding the position of President of HAPA. I want to thank your elected board for asking me to fulfill that position for the last nine months. This has been a very contentious position as a very few members of HAPA have complained or brought up that I was not elected to the board by the membership. Although the HAPA President can be and has been in the past elected by the Board.

At the advice of HAPA counsel, with my concurrence, the board elected John Unangst as President of the board for the remainder of this year.

Also, my own personal attorney has suggested that I give up the Presidency although I will keep the Airport Manager position. This change does not say I will not be very involved with the decisions the Board makes over the next few months. As I believe everyone knows, I have been working to make Hicks a #1 rated Private AIRPORT. As airport manager I will continue working with the FAA and TSA, there is much more to follow regarding these as the projects move further along.

Turnout for this meeting: 8 owners attended. Thank you for making the effort to be involved.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 14th at 7pm, Hangar 137. Bod meetings are typically scheduled on the Second Thursday of the month.

Motion to adjourn: made by Tom seconded by Roy at 7:28 pm. Vote 6-0

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Safety Rules and Regulations

1. Airport access is limited to airport owners, tenants, pilots, and guests. All parties entering the airport who are not owners or pilots must receive safety instructions from the property owner prior to entry. Safety instructions should include, but are not limited to, the rules contained below.
2. Gate codes may be distributed to guests only after a complete safety briefing has been given and an understanding has been expressed by the guest. If gate codes are distributed without associated safety instructions, the offender's code will be removed from the database. The offender will not be entitled to a new code until any associated fines are paid in full.
3. No person or vehicle, other than lawfully operated aircraft, shall enter the runway or runway safety zones. Runway safety zones include the grass areas surrounding the runway.
4. All automobiles must yield to aircraft. Automobiles in the path of an aircraft shall immediately pull off of the taxiway into the nearest apron until the aircraft has passed. If this is not possible, the automobile should turn around and depart the path of the aircraft.
5. The maximum permissible speed is 15 mph throughout the entirety of the property.
6. Taxiways must remain unobstructed within 30 feet of the taxiway centerline.
7. Persons must not approach an aircraft under power. An aircraft which is not under power must not be touched without the consent of the aircraft owner.

HAPA DIRECTORY INFO

The HAPA membership directory is now online. To access the directory, go to www.t67.org and log into your account. From here, you can also manage your privacy settings.

Creating an account gives the board an opportunity to contact you should there be an emergency at your hangar, an ELT signal related to your aircraft, a flight plan that was not closed, or other need for contacting you.

- If you haven't yet provided created an account at www.t67.org, please do! We would like to be able to contact as many **HAPA** members as possible via email.
- This is YOUR newsletter. Please submit articles, pictures, thoughts, etc to the newsletter publisher.
- If you have an issue and would like to address the HAPA BOD during a Board meeting, Please contact the HAPA President to be put on the agenda.
- For South Gate Directory Changes contact Morry Anderson at morry.anderson@gmail.com or login to www.t67.org and choose "Gate Codes".

- For **Emergency** South Gate Issues, call Marlin Klotz at 817-412-8786

Septic Field Information

Check out the info below and see if you are up to speed!

Do's & Don'ts

Do use environmentally friendly liquid detergents for washing machines and dishwashers.

Don't use liquid fabric softener.

Do use dryer sheets.

Don't pour grease into drains. Grease won't break down and will solidify in your system.

Do dispose of it in the garbage as solid waste.

Don't use garbage disposals as a trash can. Garbage disposals are to be used for table food scraps. (ex: No corn husks, paper, meat bones)

Don't wait until the weekend to do the whole weeks' worth of laundry.

Do spread out the laundry over the course of the week, so you don't over work your drain field.

Do use bleach in moderation. Large amounts of chlorine kills the good bacteria needed to maintain a healthy septic system.

Don't flush anything that is not septic safe toilet paper or waste down the toilet. (ex: feminine products and baby wipes)

Do remember, if it's toxic to you... it is also toxic to the septic system.

Don't Flush It

Homeowners wanting to take good care of their septic systems should make note of the following items that should never be flushed down the drain or toilet. These items can overtax or destroy the biological digestion taking place within the system or clog pumps and pipes.

Take care not to flush the following:

- hair combings, coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers, or kitty litter,
- sanitary napkins, tampons, cigarette butts, or condoms, gauze bandages, fat, grease, or oil, paper towels, shop towels and **NEVER** flush chemicals that could contaminate surface and groundwater, such as: paints, varnishes, thinners, waste oils, photographic solutions, or pesticides.