



Economic Development & Airport Technical Advisory Committee (EDA-TAC)

Hernando County Chamber of Commerce
15588 Aviation Loop Dr, Brooksville, FL 34604

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Thursday, February 6, 2025

9:00 AM A. CALL TO ORDER

B. EDA-TAC MISSION REVIEW

- The Economic Development Airport Advisory Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the County's economic development and airport staff regarding the economic development program for Hernando County. The committee shall provide input, feedback and assistance on economic development and airport issues such as strategic planning, goal setting, prioritization, policies, programming, investments and incentives.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Last meeting took place on August 8, 2024

MOVER: Morris Porton
SECONDER: Buddy Selpf
RESULT: Adopted / Unanimous

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVER: Frank Morsani
SECONDER: Buddy Selpf
RESULT: Adopted / Unanimous

E. BKV AIRPORT PROJECT MANAGER – ANDREW JOHNS

- Project Update
 - East Side Development – 45 Days Ahead of Schedule
 - Runway 321 in conjunction with Abandoned Runway Project – surveying and core sampling.
 - Taxiway Delta & Alpha 1 Repaving Project – Beginning Phases
 - Gunnery Backstop – Working with Parks & Recreation for maintenance. Accuform is going to provide large picture of bomber and the electrician is working on the lights.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – VALERIE PIANTA

- Project Update
 - There are 28 Active Projects:
 - Airport – 21
 - County – 5
 - I-75-2
 - 14 New / 14 Expansion
 - Bluewater has had some stormwater engineering issues. They have

- had to go back to the drawing board, but they are still moving forward.
- Project Bluebird – Possible Big Project coming to Hernando County and the Airport. We are one of the final 4 areas under consideration and we should know by the end of March. The project would bring 1,400 jobs and a capital investment of \$545 million dollars.
- Economic Development Funding
 - Brainstorm how to fund economic development incentive packages so that big businesses come to Hernando County.
 - Commissioner Allocco recommended allocating tangible and personal property tax to economic development. Mr. Rogers informed the committee that he is going to recommend that the tangible and personal property tax collected from the businesses at the airport go to Economic Development starting this year.
 - Other states and cities have taxes just for economic development
 - This will be a discussion point for a future meeting.

G. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

H. COMMITTEE/STAFF RESPONSES

I. EDA-TAC MEMBERS

- Tyler requested a copy of the Final Leasing Policy
- Tyler and Buddy inquired about the amount of platted land currently available at the airport and how long it takes to plat unplattd land.
- Mark discussed the future of the airport and the possibility of making runway 3-21 longer. Zoning department will speak at a future meeting.

Not In Attendance: Wayne Johnson
Jennifer DuBois

J. ADJOURNMENT

MOVER: Morris Porton
SECONDER: Mark Cioffi
RESULT: Adopted / Unanimous

Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2025