

"We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology."

*Carl Sagan*



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## Page Field Association

May 9, 2007 meeting

### Attending

Coleen Baker; Bob Bowser; Judy Bowser; Larry Kirchner; Charley Carroll; Don Abbott; Al Lane; Bob McDonagh; Kirk Richmond; Everett Walter; Dick Fabbro; Paul Yocum; Ken Shaw; Mark Steinberg; Brian Solis; John Richardson

### Presiding

**John Richardson** - PFA

### Meeting Notes

#### **Coleen Baker** - L.C.P.A.

The current fuel vendor agreement for Page Field is nearing an end and the Port Authority is negotiating with the current supplier and others to provide fuel and fueling equipment.

To ease traffic congestion the 'STOP' sign has been removed at the intersection of Danley Drive & Page Airport Drive.

Runway 5/23 at Page Field will be closed starting May 30, 2007 and will reopen on June 8, 2007.

This closure will allow construction work near the runway to connect the parallel taxiway that is being built on the northern side of 5/23.

#### **Al Lane**

Complimented the Port Authority for their good service and being able to keep fuel prices at Page Field significantly lower than those at Miami, Florida area airports.

#### **Bob McDonagh**

Bob is now a dealer for the Challenger ultralight and light sport aircraft from Quad City Ultralight Aircraft Corp. Moline, IL.

For more information go to

[www.navalairstates.com](http://www.navalairstates.com)

#### **Judy Bowser**

Announced that the Southeast Section of the Ninety Nines has granted permission for the forming of a chapter in Southwest Florida.

A meeting place, chapter boundaries, and a name for the chapter have not been determined.

The Ninety Nines is an international organization of women pilots

For more information go to

[www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org)



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## **FAA Gives \$72 Million To Relocate Panama City Airport**

Agency Gives "Stamp Of Approval" For Relocation To West Bay

On Friday the FAA awarded a \$72 million federal Airport Improvement Program grant, and the lucky winner was -- the Panama City-Bay Count International Airport, FL, allowing it to move forward with its relocation to West Bay, reported the News Herald.

The reason for the move is that Bay County's 6,300 foot runway is one of the shortest in use by commercial aircraft in Florida. And it won't be getting any longer at its current location because expansion would significantly encroach on established neighborhoods and surrounding wetlands.

Said Manager of the FAA's airports division Robert Chapman, "In conducting its funding analysis, FAA determined that both physical and environmental restrictions at the existing site make it impractical and extremely costly to update to meet FAA standards. Even if FAA were to upgrade the existing site, it would still not result in an airfield that fully complied with FAA standards."

Friday's grant announcement was greeted with approval.

"This funding is a stamp of approval by the FAA," US Senator (D-FL) Bill Nelson, a supporter of a new airport for the region, said.

"This is good news for all of Northwest Florida."

"This is long-awaited funding that will help the Panama City-Bay County Airport Authority as they work on plans for the first phase of airport construction," US Rep. (D-Monticello) Allen Boyd said.

Boyd's office said the FAA projects a discretionary grant payment stream of \$25 million this fiscal year, \$27 million in fiscal year 2008,

which begins October 1, \$15 million in fiscal year 2009 and \$5 million in fiscal year 2010.

Airport Executive Director Randy Curtis and Airport Authority Chairman Joe Tannehill held a news conference Friday afternoon about the grant.

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