

"I'd like to start (terminal) construction in the next two to three years,"

Bob Ball

executive director for the Lee County Port Authority

From a recent News-Press article about Page Field Airport



News for August 2007

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Page Field Association

August 8, 2007 meeting

Attending

Gary Duncan; Coleen Baker; Charlie Carroll; Bob Schultz; Paul Yocum; Bob McDonagh; Richard Fabbro; Everett Walter; Ron Focht; Brian Solis; Mark Millar; John Richardson

Presiding

John Richardson - PFA

Meeting Notes

Coleen Baker - L.C.P.A.

Recapped status of construction projects at Page Field.

- Parallel taxiway construction is on schedule and going well.
- Design work for the new terminal site is complete.
- First phase infrastructure of North Quad is complete.
- Swanson corporate hangar will begin construction soon.
- Dean corporate hangar construction is well under-way.
- Flying Seas corporate hangar is in design and permitting.

See the handout

http://www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/lcpa_6-07.pdf

Gary Duncan - L.C.P.A.

Pending Port Authority board approval - Avfuel Corporation will be the supplier of aviation fuel and fueling equipment at Page Field beginning in January 2008.

Lee County Emergency Medical Services is negotiating with the Port Authority for a site to build a hangar for their flight department.

EMS was forced to relocate temporarily from FMY to RSW airport due to hangar space limitations.

Bob Schultz - Page Tower

Operation at FMY are up approximately 5% over last year at this time of year, thanks to healthy flight school activity.

Page Tower now has one part time and five

full time controllers.

Charlie Carroll - Cub Club

Had a big turnout at the recent Cub Club picnic.

One aircraft is at the shop getting a new interior, so the other two are busy.

Paul Yocum - EAA Chapter 66

Even with the summer weather approximately 65 attended the last pancake breakfast, which is up from the expected 40 to 50.

15 Young Eagles were flown as well.



Line service agent Luis Pizarro, 27, guides a private plane to a stop recently at Page Field Airport.

Mark Millar - The Sundowners

The Sundowners will hold a fund raiser at the ACI hangar.

The aviation themed dinner & dance will be held on November 3, 2007. More details soon. Proceeds will go to the Sundown Patrol fund.

Brian Solis - L.C.P.A.

The Lee County Port Authority is hosting Aviation Day at Page Field on November 17, 2007 from 10 am to 4pm.

The Port Authority is seeking sponsors and vendors for the event. Contact Scott Sheets for more sponsorship information at 936-1443.

Returning to this year's event are Jay Jay the Jet Plane, a North American P51D, the home-built corral, and the famous EAA Chapter 66 hamburgers.

A representative from the Port Authority public relations department is expected to attend the September PFA meeting.

\$40 million face-lift at airport off ground

Page Field is flying into the future

A \$40 million upgrade has taken off at Page Field General Aviation Airport, Fort Myers.

The multi-phase project on the airport's west side includes a new passenger terminal, for which airport leaders hope to begin construction in less than three years.

Altogether, it's the biggest investment at the airfield that's undergone several extreme makeovers during its 80 years of service.

Since Southwest Florida International opened in 1983, Page has been a reliever airport, catering to non-commercial aviation. It's an economic engine, bringing to the region \$50.7 million in 2005, according to the most-recent study by Riccondo & Associates.

Page handled more than 77,000 small aircraft take-offs and landings last year, freeing Southwest Florida International Airport to concentrate on commercial jetliners.

More than 300 aircraft, including jets, turbo-props, twins, singles and helicopters make Page Field their home.

"We have gotten to the point where we have outgrown the facility we have now," said Bob Ball, executive director for the Lee County Port Authority.

See the News-Press article

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