

CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 33-2021

A RESOLUTION URGING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-AVIATION DIVISION TO REINSTATE PREVIOUSLY AWARDED GRANT FUNDING TO THE KERRVILLE-KERR COUNTY AIRPORT FOR PROJECTS WHICH WILL HELP MAINTAIN THE SAFETY AND CONTINUED USE OF THE AIRPORT

WHEREAS, by law, the Texas Department of Transportation-Aviation Division (“TxDOT”) is the agent of the state for a federal grant program (“Program”), and each political subdivision responsible for “applying for, receiving, and disbursing” funds for the benefit of general aviation airports must work through TxDOT with respect to seeking grant funds pursuant to the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Kerrville-Kerr County Joint Airport Board (“Board”) working for the betterment of the Kerrville-Kerr County Airport (“Airport”) and safety of the residents and visitors to the Airport, agreed that Program funding should be sought to make critical repairs to the apron in front of the Airport’s terminal building and provide asphalt refurbishment, striping, and repairs to the primary runway and taxiways at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, Program funds are critical to the ongoing pavement maintenance program implemented by TxDOT and required of the Airport by regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) such that any delay in this critical maintenance will increase future costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board prepared and submitted cost estimates and Letters and Interest to TxDOT as required by both TxDOT and the FAA for funding pursuant to the Program for the Board’s proposed projects; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, the Airport Manager received notification from TxDOT that the Airport’s funding requests were accepted for the Surface Treatment and Marking of Runway 12-30 (as part of the Statewide Pavement Program) to include the Rehabilitation of the Airport Apron (approximately 25,000 square feet); and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Board adopted its 2022 fiscal year budget and submitted it to the Kerr County Commissioners Court and City Council, which includes the approval for the use of Capital Funds needed to pay the 10% of funding match for the projects by TxDOT under the Program; and

WHEREAS, however, on June 22, 2021, the JAB received notice from TxDOT that the project funding had been cancelled and would move to later years; and

WHEREAS, the notice from TxDOT included no explanation or consideration given to the importance to the Airport, its safety of operations, or the constituents using the Airport;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERRVILLE, KERR COUNTY, TEXAS:

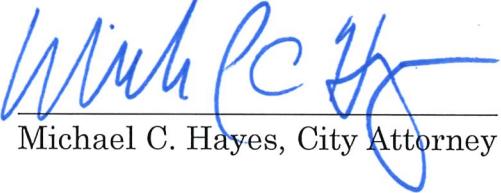
City Council strongly urges TxDOT to reinstate the previously awarded grant funding pursuant to the Program for the Airport's projects, which Council believes is necessary to help maintain the safety and use of the Airport.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this the 13 day of July A.D., 2021.



Bill Blackburn, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael C. Hayes, City Attorney

ATTEST:



Shelley McElhanon, City Secretary