

OCTOBER 17, 2023

The [Special Meeting](#) of the [Board of Port Commissioners](#) was held on this date with the following Commissioners:

Brian Hamman, Chairman - *Absent*
Mike Greenwell, Vice-Chairman
Kevin Ruane - *Absent*
Cecil Pendergrass
Ray Sandelli

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Authorize Executive Director to Set Seasonal Flat-Rate Parking Fees for Overflow Parking

Item Summary: Demand for seasonal parking at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) has been regularly exceeding capacity and, with the continued growth at RSW, it is expected to continue. The timeframes during Thanksgiving and from Christmas to the New Year are currently the most impactful on the existing parking lots. RSW has paved lots available on airport property and would utilize these during the peak travel periods. Transportation from these overflow lots would be provided by six refurbished shuttle buses that will move parkers from the remote lots to the terminal building. This will allow the airport to keep the twenty primary buses in service for the Long-Term and Employee Parking Lots.

Current Southwest Florida International Airport parking spaces:

- Long-Term Lot: 8,660
- Parking Garage: 2,440
- Total spaces: 11,100

Board Discussion: Lee County Port Authority Deputy Executive Director of Aviation, Steve Hennigan presented the item to the Board. Commissioner Pendergrass questioned Staff on how the parking rates would be determined and how Staff planned to allocate the excess funds. Mr. Hennigan stated that Staff anticipated utilizing seasonal parking rates that would allow Southwest Florida International Airport to remain competitive with outside parking lots, and other airports in the area. Mr. Hennigan stated that the Port Authority does not expect to experience a profit from overflow parking, as the cost of maintaining, and staffing shuttle busses and security personnel should be equal to that of the revenue collected. The main goal of Staff is to free parking spots in the short-term and main long-term parking facilities currently being used by travelers who travel for lengthy periods of time.

Public Comment: The Chairman called for public comment and there were no speakers.

Vote: Commissioner Pendergrass moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Sandelli, called and carried with Commissioner Hamman and Commissioner Ruane absent.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

ATTEST:
KEVIN C. KARNES, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman, Lee County Port Authority