

Meeting called to order at 6pm

Fred Forbes did invocation and pledge of allegiance

Bill recognized elected officials: Bonita Springs City Councilman Nigel Fullick, Village of Estero Council members Lori Fayhee, Raphael Lopez, George Zalucki, and Mayor Joanne Ribble

Brandon presented March minutes Dave Mchgee made a motion. Motion was seconded . Motion approved

Jim walked through the treasurer's report. George made a motion. Mrs. Sido seconded. Motion approved

Nigel provided a Bonita Springs update about the City's Memorial Day plans. Councilman Fullick spoke with an admiral in the TopGun program. He will be the guest speaker for Bonita Spring's Memorial Day event.

Jim Oberweis provided a 3 minute update on his campaign talking about his past in the Illinois Senate, how he got to Florida, and his plans for his Congressional race. He highlighted his business success, his financial resume, and more.

Bill introduced our speaker, Steve. He is the executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. He started speaking at 6:12pm

Steve began talking about the history of RSW, Page Field, and the other properties that fall under the Port Authority.

2024 RSW traffic was highlighted by 11 million passengers, which is 6.6 percent more than the previous record from 2022

April 2025 is projected to be 8% busier than last April

Steve then went over the challenges RSW faces including operating at capacity. RSW has 4.25 more traffic in March versus September. TSA needs additional space to screen and conform to new standards.

RSW solutions: Terminal expansion. Building one single TSA checkpoint similar to Nashville. Passengers will be able to walk in between concourses

Steve ended his presentation at 6:38 and took questions

Questions ranged from how the airport receives revenue, how a supersonic plane could work on the runway size of RSW, if RSW considers Punta Gorda airport a competitor, terminal expansion, and more

Additional questions were asked about out sourcing the airport's needs, law enforcement practices, and more.

Steve concluded questions at 7pm

Bill asked for new business. Announcement: Ross Matthews, WWII Vet, passed away. Our condolences to his family

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01

