

## Airport Authority

### Candidate Question – 2022

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***What role should the Airport Authority play in economic/industrial development?***

Having completed almost two terms as an airport Commissioner, I continue to maintain the opinion and position that the Punta Gorda Airport is a major and active player in economic and industrial development not only in Charlotte County but our adjacent areas. It is my experience that any prospective business entity will evaluate the airport as part of their site selection, which may or not be located on airport. These inquiries are usually initiated with our staff.

Within the DNA of an airport is support and partnering with any government or private organizations engaged in attracting new or expanding businesses.

We have developed a great tool for prospective companies to evaluate locating on the airport and getting them interested in Charlotte County. Strongly suggest you check it out as most folks aren't aware of this. Inherently this could also lead to other opportunities in the county.

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***What are your ideas to encourage growth at the airport?***

As reported in the monthly Authority meetings and the media we are coming back strong from Covid with all of our aviation activities, putting in place or planning facilities to take of the exceptional growth we are experiencing or forecasted.

To accommodate and encourage growth we need to increase the capacity of airport elements, aircraft hangers, passenger terminal expansion, inclusive of baggage screening, gate area and aircraft parking positions to identify the obvious.

Actively continue to pursue new destinations that our market can support with our existing airlines and interest with other airlines.

Accommodating Sun Seeker Resort with airport growth, yet to be measured, that it will stimulate.

*Why are you the right choice for the Airport Authority?*

## **EXPERIENCE!**

I have been previously elected to two terms on the Charlotte County Airport Authority and currently serve as its chairman. I have an experienced knowledge of the workings of the Airport Authority and the Punta Gorda Airport.

- + Uniquely qualified as the Only Commissioner with extensive aviation experience.
- + 32 years as Director of Aviation, Springfield/Branson National Airport (SGF) Missouri. 2 years with the Indianapolis Airport Authority.
- + Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) by American Association of Airport Executives. Recipient of their 1998 Distinguished Service Award.
- + Airport Council International Past Board Member. Past President of AAAE Great Lakes Chapter, testified before United States Congress on Aviation Issues and provided services as an Aviation Technical Consultant/Expert Witness.
- + Bachelor Science Aeronautics - Pilot