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PENDERGRASS ELECTED CHAIR OF AIRPORT BOARD

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Jan. 4, 2018) – The Lee County Board of Port Commissioners elected Cecil L Pendergrass as chair for 2018 during its first meeting on Jan. 4. Larry Kiker was elected as vice chair. The board, composed of the five Lee County commissioners, meets bi-monthly as the Board of Port Commissioners to set policy and direct the operations of Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. The other commissioners include Brian Hamman, Frank Mann and John E. Manning.

Southwest Florida International Airport served 8.6 million passengers in 2016 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. Page Field provides services to corporate, commercial and private aviators and accommodated nearly 109,000 aircraft operations in 2016. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction and both airports are funded solely with revenue generated from their operations. For more information, please visit <u>www.flylcpa.com</u> or Like Us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/flyRSW</u>.

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