

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board
Madison County Administrative Office Building
Public Meeting Room

February 8, 2021

Attendees: John Hauck, Beau Bradley, and Jim Frey
Tyler Holland participated via phone.
Absentees: Tom Miller, Scott Payne
Commissioners: Ron Nye and Jim Hart
Secretary: Jani Flinn
Visitors: Lance Bowser, Robert Peccia & Associates (via phone); Troy Hunter and Mike McFall, Choice Aviation, Verne Brown, Kevin Button, Monarch, Evert Wierda, and Josh Jones

Board Co-Chairman, Beau Bradley, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Jim Frey moved to approve the 11/9/20 meeting minutes as submitted. Tyler Holland seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Election of new Chairman and Vice Chair for 2021: John Hauck moved to postpone discussion on new officers until Tom Miller is back. Jim Frey seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Consider Applications for Airport Board: Tim Cherwin gave a summary of his background in aviation and community involvement. Verne Brown discussed his resume and background. After discussion, the Board agreed to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to appoint Tim Cherwin as the new Airport Board Member.

Report Twin Bridges Airport: Tyler reported that the runways are all plowed and the taxiway is clear. Business is steady.

- Lease Buyout, Parcel 20: After review, Tyler Holland moved to approve a new Aviation Ground Lease for the hangar located at Parcel 20 on the Twin Bridges Airport for a period of 20 years. John Hauck seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Report Ennis Big Sky Airport: See attached report from Choice Aviation. All taxiways and runway are open except A2 and Apron. PAPI flight check is complete and AWOS quarterly inspection is scheduled for 2/9/21. Projects include hangar leases, access gate locks, service county vehicles and work on updating Rules and Regulations. Instrument approach delay continues to be a problem. FBO report includes 615.8 gallons Avgas, 4247.7 Jet A, and 20 jets, 14 turboprops.

AED's at Airports – Discussion: The Safety Coordinator, Bob Bates, has extra AED's available to place at interested locations. After discussion, both Airports would like to have one on site. Jani will coordinate with the Safety Manager and give him contact information.

Robert Peccia & Associates Project Updates: The Board reviewed the RPA Airport Board Meeting Notes provided. Topics discussed included:

RUBY VALLEY FIELD:

- AWOS still needs the recording updated.
- Snow Removal Equipment Building and Snow Plow: Beau and Lance have discussed the size of snow plow and their needs for the building. The FAA will only pay for one bay, build it 46' deep, and put the pilot shack in back portion. Minimum 2 bays needed. After discussion, John Hauck moved to go with 2 bays. Tyler Holland seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Lance noted that they can advertise as 1 bay with a 2nd bay as an additive alternate with 3 total bays.
- Airport Layout Plan will close out this spring.

ENNIS AIRPORT:

- **Land Acquisition:** Lance is still working on getting reimbursement for County.
- **AIP 21-2020 and AIP 22-2020:** Change order is still open for the RTTF Gates. Fencing complete, locks in place. Need to obtain damages assessment from Longhorn Ranches. Seal coating, paint, grooving this spring.
- **PAPI:** Lance will talk with vendor.
- **Instrument Approach:** RPA will continue to work with Troy and the FAA on waivers, submission, and approvals.

7. AIRPORT HANGARS:

- Addressing:** After discussion, John Hauck moved to have the Airport pay for address signs for each hangar so they will be consistent. Jim Frey seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. As soon as final addressing is complete from the Planning Department, Jani will coordinate the signage.
- Amending approved Docs for Airport Construction/Leasing:** This topic was continued until the next meeting to allow the members to review.
- New Lease applications:** Leases were reviewed for B&B Enterprises, Wierda (3), Murphy (3) and Monarch (3). John Hauck moved to approve all lease applications as presented. Jim Frey seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Kevin B. asked if there are plans to bring in power and whose cost would it be. The Board will discuss power and water and the next meeting.

8. Verne Brown, Through the Fence access issues: Verne said the gates do not work and his approach is still not good. Lance will look into the gates and the approach is still part of the punchlist items from the Contractor and will be addressed in the Spring.

9. Evert Wierda, New taxi lane and hangar proposal: Evert and Josh Jones discussed their initial proposal to finish paving Taxi Lane D and develop it in exchange for rights to lease hangars. Lance discussed FAA funding, FAA regulations, and Davis Bacon wages. Questions were asked regarding power and water for the larger hangar owners. The Board will continue to review the draft proposal and participate in discussions until the next meeting.

10. Proposed Solar farm adjacent to Twin Bridges Airport: Nothing new. Wait for permit application to respond.

Other Business: None

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m.

Beau Bradley, Co-Chairman

Minutes prepared by Jani Flinn, Airport Board Secretary

The next meeting will be held on a date to be determined in March, at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City.