

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board

RVF

May 16, 2022

PRESENT: Beau Bradley, John Hauck, Jim Frey, Scott Payne, Tyler Holland, Lance Bowser

Commissioners: Ron E. Nye

Secretary: Hannah Brook

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner John Heckler, Beau Bradley, Mary Oliver, Tim Cherwin,

VISITORS: Todd Simmons – *Choice Aviation*, Troy Hunter - *Choice Aviation*, David Stamsta, Mike McCann, Cindy Younkin, Brian Conklin, Tony Cruse, Penny Cruse, Chris Murphy, Marissa Hopkins, Larry Hopkins

Board Co-Chairman, Beau Bradley called meeting to order at 6:28P.M.

Introductions

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Hauk moved to accept minutes from March 21, 2022 meeting. Scott Payne second motion. All aye.

BUDGET

- Discussion of increasing budget by \$500,000 for Public Water Supply Wells
- Increasing Land budget item to \$120,000. FAA will reimburse a majority of money spent on land purchase.
- Twin Bridges has asked for an increase of \$60,000 to tear down old Pilot Shack, work on water system and door as well as some landscaping. Since there are no grants this will come directly of Capital line.

RVF SRE BUILDING

- According to Lance Bowser, approximately three weeks to one month out from completion.
- SRE building is 99% complete. All that needs to finish is texture, paint, metal and plumbing.

RVF PILOT LOUNGE

- Since Pilot Lounge is connected to SRE building see above notes.

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- Gophers are an issue inside hangers.
- Poison is not an option.
- New snowplow was delivered a few weeks ago.

RVF HANGER LEASE APPLICATIONS

- None at this time.

EKS

- County truck insurance claim submitted. Wind storm blew fencing into side of truck,
- Lights are working well.
- Grass is coming in.
- Hoping no dust storms due to construction.
- Asking construction close to the fence to pause to allow grass to germinate.
- Trying to stay ahead of weeds and tumbleweed. Have asked Headwaters to spray.
- John Padilla asked why there is no access from Airport Road for his plane.
- It was explained that posts are in for gates, but anyone that wants a gate needs to pay for it. That is stated in any Through the Fence Agreements.
- John Hauk stated there would never be a gate on Airport Road due to traffic.
- Scott Payne said even if a gate were installed there would need to be grating, there is a ditch – some heavy work needed to even bring a plane through.
- Tyler Holland added there would need to be engineering and a taxiway installed just to get to the runway.

EKS HANGER LEASE APPLICATIONS

- Due to weather and the season there is renewed interest and building has restarted.
- E2, D4 pending leases.
- Two leases for approval:
- C34 – Lindstrom; Scott Payne moved to approve lease; Tyler Holland seconds. All aye.
- C29 – Robertson; Scott Payne moved to approve lease; Tyler Holland seconds. All aye.

FBO Report

- Fuel (Jet A 10578) (Avgas 737.9)
- (15) Jets
- (25) Turbo props
- (2) Turbine Rotorwing

ROBERT PECCIA & ASSOCIATES (RPA) PROJECT UPDATES – Lance Bowser

LB stated six FAA grants have been closed totaling \$15.4 million.

Have hired three additional people to the group – five total in Helena.

EKS –

- AIP-022-2020 Runway Improvements CLOSED. Final reimbursement received totaling \$417,511.86.
- AIP-014-2021 (\$13,000) – Stimulus funding - CLOSED.
- AIP-025-2022 (\$32,000) – ARPA funding - CLOSED
- AIP-026-20? Land acquisition: Waiting for closing on Tisler property, scheduled for 05/18/2022.
- Still assessing other potential property.
- Chris Murphy asked if there was more than one lot closing since an appraiser contacted him to discuss two, 10 acre lots closing.
- Cindy Younkin asked if fence was being moved.
- Scott Payne asked what the plan was.

- LB stated he (and Troy) have been sending out letters, no phone calls to land owners. They are planning on continuing to do this annually.

Public Water Supply - \$130,000 allocated by Madison County for project.

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Dillon Airport will be closing summer of 2025 for improvements, will push traffic to Twin Bridges. This would be a good time to track numbers to update Master Plan and need for larger runways.

- AIP-015-2021 (Estimated \$1,070,000 total, \$860,000 FAA) – SRE/SRE Building/Pilot Lounge – recently completed and now completing final scoping.
- CRRSAA (\$9,000) – stimulus funding – CLOSED.
- ARPA Stimulus Funding (\$22,0000) – CLOSED.
- Coordination with Madison County Planning regarding Airport Affected Area zoning – information sent 03/23/2022.

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NEW BUSINESS

RTTF/Aeronautical Commercial Discussion

- The Airport Board needed to rewrite or amend activities in the Residential Through the Fence and there may have been some confusion.
- Beau Bradley discusses the red lined amendments. Is there a motion to accept?
- Scott Payne motions to approve changes to Residential Through the Fence (RTTF) agreement.
- John Hauk seconds the motion.
- BB asks if there is discussion.
- Tyler Holland states the agreement has been approved by the County attorney.
- BB explains it further defines residential. You can have commercial but not with a RTTF agreement.
- Tony Cruse: So, I can't lease my hanger?
- Chris Murphy: Not going into business through the fence.
- Lance Bower: There is an FAA Compliance Specialist. Peter Doyle is the Regional FAA Compliance Specialist. Aeronautical use means any revenue activity is not allowed if you have a RTTF.
- Tyler Holland: Why do you want to do?
- Crowd: To do what we want to do.
- BB If I have a mechanic can they come into work on my plane?
- CM: I want to do anything that's legal through the FAA.
- Larry Hopkins: You could have a legal business. What's Choice's business? People are jumping on the fear. You could run a parachute business and not have planes in the hangers.
- TH: Hypothetical – What is FAA final say?

- Mike McCann: I'm confused. Two 10-acre land parcels. Do you want commercialization? It's all lopsided.
- Cindy Younkin: One and two, consequences. You need a change in lease if you decide to have a RTTF. And if you don't want an RTTF, you need a completely different one. It's a slippery slope and there is potential for a lot of conflict.
- SP: Language is mutually agreeable.
- LB: This comes straight from the FAA.
- David Stamsta: It's a regulation.
- LB: The FAA has pulled funding at airports because they have not complied with grant assurances.
- CM: Commercial vs. Residential per Justin Ekwel (Madison County Assistant DA) Sponsor is not found in violation if RTTF agreement holders allow individuals to lease their hangers.
 - See attached from Chris's attorney.
- John Hauk asks LB to verify the code of regulations with the FAA. Let's add this to next month's agenda.
- CM: Cash transactions. That's what got everyone angry. We want FAA proof.
- JH: We are asking what the intent is and for it to be verified.

Meeting called at 7:48P.M.

NEXT MEETING
Monday, June 20, 2022
6:00PM