

Meeting Minutes
Madison County Airport Board

Madison County Admin Building, Public Meeting Room

November 15, 2021

PRESENT: Beau Bradley, John Hauck, Jim Frey, Mary Oliver, Tim Cherwin,

Commissioners: Ron Nye, Dan Allhands

Secretary: Hannah Brook

NOT PRESENT: Scott Payne, Tyler Holland

VISITORS: Mike McFall - *Choice Aviation*, Troy Hunter - *Choice Aviation*, Lance Bowser - RPA,

Jamie Barta, Chris Murphy

Board Co-Chairman, Beau Bradley called meeting to order at 6:06P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No Public Comments made

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Beau made motion to accept October minutes. John Hauck first moved, Jim Frey second. All aye. October minutes accepted.

TWIN BRIDGES/RUBY VALLEY FIELD:

- Wind sock down. Seven years old, no warranty. Lance will give Beau contact information for replacement.
- SRE slab poured.
- Submittals & Buy American Waivers – SRE Truck and Building – completed 11/12/2021
- SRE Building and spot inspection completed: Footings, stem walls, gravel, floor slab and “driveway”, and plumbing/trench drains
- Fiberglass windows are out five months. Since they are being used for commercial use, no warranty. White vinyl windows – 3 week material lead time. Beau has asked Lance to play hardball regarding Fiberglass window delivery time.
- Equipment delivery, possibly before Christmas.
- Plow truck is waiting for trucking.

HANGER LEASE APPLICATIONS

- None at this time.

ENNIS/BIG SKY AIRPORT

- Excessive tumbleweed issue. Piling against fence. Burning would most likely melt fence. Weed department suggested pulling them away from fence to burn. Concern over blowing snow and drifting occurring before resolving issue.
 - Weed department believes the weed Kosha should be sprayed for and will help the problem.
 - Suggestions made to combat tumbleweed issue: Have Headwaters make two passes while spraying – one up field, one down field
 - Spray July and again in October.

- Mow in July – allows no time for weed to recover.
- Mow to demolish tumbleweeds. However, it spreads seeds so would need to continue mowing.
- Allow to pile up against fence and push over with tractor.
- NO re-seeding
- Windsock was damaged in storm. On order from MT Aeronautics.
- Airport Truck Yearly Maintenance completed.
- New Bolt & Chain for weights on airport truck.
- (2) New plow blades for airport truck. Even though it's more expensive, the carbonite blades are lasting longer than the steel.
- Hanger numbers installed on remaining hangers.
- Pat Noak will be visiting EKS to perform annual maintenance for the Big Plow.
- Troy also estimated the Impact Fees will have on airport. At October meeting it was agreed airport would charge \$5,000 for large hangers. Troy completed research and suggested \$1,200 per smaller hanger.
- Requested that Troy obtain a bid from NorthWestern Energy on cost to hook up smaller hangers for single phase hook-up.
 - Beau moves for a proposal/bidding for hook-up to for smaller hanger single phase hook-up, John Hauck first moved, Jim Frey second. All aye.

HANGER LEASE APPLICATIONS

New lease: Chris Murphy, LOT 27-A, Shining Mountains Air Park, Through the Fence

- The FAA laws were explained to Mr. Murphy by the Airport Board, that he may not use the property for any residential and commercial, no sale of aviation fuel. He was also instructed per the agreement he signed that he may not sell any access/egress to the Airport through the lot to any other parties.
- Mr. Murphy explained that he was in the process of taking flying lessons and purchasing a plane, and that the property would only be utilized for his personal use.
- (3) Pending lease packets

FBO Report –

- Av gas (206) Jet A (19,703)
- 42-Jets 20-Turboprop 0-Turbine Rotor wing

ROBERT PECCIA & ASSOCIATES (RPA) PROJECT UPDATES – Lance

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT: Public Water Supply Wells - Lance

- Robert, Peccia & Associates (RPA) Engineering Proposal re. engineering services for completing public water supply (PWA) wells at the Twin Bridges Airport and Ennis-Big Sky Airport
- Water/Waste water issue needs to be resolved at both airports.
 - John Hauck moves to accept the RPA proposal for design, bidding, and construction services for public water supply for the Ennis and Twin Bridges Airports and connected WWC Engineering proposal to assist.
 - Beau Bradley first moved, Jim Frey second. All aye.

LAND ACQUISITION

EKS

- Environmental study needs to be conducted on Granger Ditch located near Echo. It's been deemed as historical.
- Effort will be made to mitigate with MHSA.
- Shelf life for environmental study is 3-5 years with cost of approximately \$10,000.
 - Beau Bradly moved to initiate environmental study.
 - John Hauck moved first, Jim Frey second. All aye.
- Ennis in need of land, Lance and Troy have been contacting land owners around EKS that would be beneficial to the airport. Specifically Colleen Miller, Joseph Tisler, Tony Cruse, Danielle Dunphy, and David Ulevitch. Approximately 15 acres are needed to develop further.
- Viewed map, ideal land purchase would be: 1) Joseph Tisler (10.251 ac) 2) Colleen Miller (17.95 ac) 3) David Ulevitch (10 ac).
- Colleen Miller not interested at this time. However, it's said she was aware that her husband had wanted to sell to airport. It was decided a board member should reach out in January, and offer first right of refusal. Chris Murphy spoke up and explained that Ms. Miller had already agreed to a first right of refusal with him and that it was filed with Clerk & Records office. Mr. Murphy also said Ms. Miller did not want to deal with the public process in selling property to airport. He also stated that Ms. Miller has had bad blood with Shining Mountains regarding airport.
- Chris Murphy also said that he had been in touch with Joseph Tisler. Mr. Tisler has multiple septic tanks and wells on his property. Mr. Murphy indicated that Mr. Tisler said property was open game.
- David Ulevitch purchased land with intent to develop commercial.
- Danielle Dunphy property would be utilized for weather station. May be willing to sell 2 +/- ac. May consider sale of entire tract if boundary line adjusted to create her residential tract into commercial.

RVF

- FAA does not feel RVF can justify expanding runway at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Will continue to meet on the third Monday of every month. Hannah to look for minutes confirming the change to by-laws as by-laws

NEXT MADISON COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MEETING:

Monday, December 20, 2021, 6:00PM

Virginia City, MT, Public Meeting Room, Admin Building