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LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

MAY 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Fred McDonald at 18:02. Board members in attendance: Fred McDonald, chairman, Richard Natelson, Cecil Jackson, and Tony Latham, Bob Deurloo, Loren Bills, and Bill Loudy. Also in attendance were Lenny Skunberg, Tom Conrad, Dave Mitchell, Nathan Cuvala, Paul Chartrand, Cheryl Bishop-Chartrand, Beth McDonald, Bill Miller, Dan Schroeder and JoAnn Wolters.

The old minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Rich made a motion to approve the old minutes. This was seconded by Tony. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pilots' Lounge: Richard presented the final plans from Tom Evans for the pilots' lounge. The plans will be reviewed by the Board.

Webcams: Webcams were briefly discussed. No consensus was reached. The Board requested more information. Cecil agreed to do further research.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fuel Report:

There are 5976 gallons of Avgas at Pump # 1. There are 5142 gallons of Avgas at Pump # 2, and 7752 gallons of Jet A.

Lenny stated that the Airport has received the new avgas fuel hoses from Parker.

The Airport has received the hydro kits for the jet fuel.

A service bulletin was issued approximately one month ago on the Hannay fuel reels. It dealt with a swivel connector.

Lenny stated that the printer for the QT computer system has new cartridges.

Lenny provided more information on the possibility of single point fueling for jet fuel. In order for the dead man switch to stop fuel flow, an in-line pressure regulator will be necessary. Also, an electrical connection on the fuel line will be necessary. Lenny stated that such a set up will probably be expensive. Board members questioned how often single point fueling would be utilized. The Board recommended that Lepco be asked for a quote.

Lenny stated that a fuel line test must be performed soon.

Suspected jet fuel leaks in the fueling system were investigated. No leaks were found. Lenny stated that he will keep checking for leaks.

Lenny's proposed hangar:

Lenny is still waiting for the F.A.A. to give him approval to begin hangar construction. He spoke with the agency and they told him that it is "almost" approved.

Runway widening and lengthening project:

Dave Mitchell from T-O Engineers stated that the F.A.A. is now delaying approval of the proposed runway project. Dave stated that the agency had already approved the project but now they appear to be balking. Nathan stated that it might be a funding issue. Dave stated that the F.A.A. will not allow the designing of the runway lengthening until they give approval.

Dave recommended that the Airport obtain letters of support from entities that would benefit from such a project (e.g. Metro Aviation, Idaho Power).

Cecil stated that St. Alphonsus in Boise and the Spokane medical flight company should also be contacted. He also stated the Seattle uses a small jet for their medical transport.

Dave stated that regardless, core soil samples along the runway will be obtained this summer. The holes made will be approximately 3 to 4 inches in diameter. The Airport may need to be closed during the sampling.

Airport Handbook:

Fred stated that at the meeting he had with the county commissioners, there were questions raised by the public about the new Airport handbook. During the revision of the handbook, he noted that no one ever complained about it at the Airport Board's monthly meetings.

Tony mentioned that the majority of topics complained about in the new handbook had already been present in the older edition. The Board did not hear any complaints until recently.

Fred then asked the audience present to voice their complaints. Cheryl Bishop- Chartrand then stated that the possible punishments listed in the handbook for violation of one of the Airport rules were too "harsh."

Tony pointed out that the punishments were not given out by the Board. They would be determined by a county judge. Cheryl then stated that the county building department needed to be involved with the buildings at the Airport. Fred stated that the building department is indeed involved. Cheryl mentioned that she served on airport boards in Nevada, and she felt that this Board was trying to grab too much power. Fred countered that the Board must report to the Lemhi County Commissioners.

Cheryl stated that the Airport is vital to the economy of Salmon. She asked why the Airport is in worse shape today. "There is no air service, no FBO, no bathrooms and no charts."

Bob stated that he recognized what she was saying, and that is why the Board is trying to improve the situation. The Airport now has a courtesy car and is working on building a pilots' lounge.

Loren stated that it is good to have the public's input.

Paul Chartrand stated that he does not believe the Board is trying to improve the situation at the Airport. He stated that businesses are failing. "If we don't do something the city will be dead." Every suggestion, he opined, is no good.

The issue of using hangars for sleeping quarters was then brought up. Dave Mitchell stated that he had communicated with the F.A.A. on this issue and the agency stated that residential use on airport property is not encouraged or allowed. Andrew Edstrom at the F.A.A. (Northwest Mountain Region) in Renton, Washington, told T-O Engineers, that the agency does not like people sleeping at F.A.A. funded airports.

Fred stated that the county commissioners would like to see more public input on the handbook. The Board recommended a comment period of 45 days. All comments must be submitted in writing. The Board will see about establishing a link from the Lemhi Web where comments could also be posted.

JoAnn Wolters then spoke about her concerns. She stated that the Board balance sheet didn't show any "real" assets such as the fuel tanks, trucks, etc. Based upon what she saw, she feels that fuel sales have loss money. There reportedly is no fuel listed on the balance sheets. She would like to see a complete accounting, including profits and losses for the last 3 years.

Dan Schroeder and JoAnn also stated that they are planning on having flight training at the Airport this summer.

It was also suggested that an A-133 audit of the airport Board be conducted by the county commissioners.

Airport Website:

The idea of setting up an airport website was discussed. It was felt that it should be people friendly and that a link from the county website would not be user friendly. The site would include information about the airport, webcams, and links to services offered in Lemhi County.

Further discussion will occur at future meetings.

A motion was made by Cecil to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tony.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:13.

