

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

August 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Cecil Jackson at 18:00. Board members in attendance: Cecil Jackson, chairman, Fred McDonald, Richard Natelson, Tony Latham, and Bob Deurloo. Also in attendance were Mark Jones, Nathan Cuvala, and Chris Polmeroy from T O Engineers.

A motion was made by Richard to approve the old minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Fred. It passed unanimously.

FUEL REPORT:

As of today there are: 2302 gallons of 100LL in Pump # 1

2799 gallons of 100LL in Pump #2

2898 gallons of Jet A.

Lenny is at present at the Airport receiving another load of Jet A. Lenny forwarded the information that there are no problems with the fuel systems

OLD BUSINESS:

Rules and Regulations

Bruce Withers, the county attorney, was present. He had concerns about the new rules and regulations. Some of the wording implies that there could be criminal prosecution if there is a violation. It was pointed out that the wording in the new rules and regulations is no different than in the old version.

Bruce stated that perhaps the wording should to be altered. Fred stated that he would like the rules and regulations to have “some teeth” if one violates them. Bruce suggested that the lease be reviewed by an attorney who specializes in such matters.

Bruce also suggested adding language that shows that the fees charged at the Airport are similar to other such airports.

Runway Expansion:

Nathan and Mark from T O Engineers stated that phase one of the expansion is going well. The first phase will be finished up this week.

There is a small problem with phase Two. H and K is having a problem getting the necessary equipment here this week. This will delay the project about one week. The Board decided to wait a week so that the runway doesn't have to be closed longer than necessary.

The runway will now be closed August 22nd through September 20th. The taxiway will be repainted to have runway markings. The Airport, however, will not have night time operations.

Cecil stated that the Board invoiced the F.A.A. another \$ 370,000 today. Furthermore, the state of Idaho will be matching funds for the runway expansion by at least 4 percent.

Board Audit:

The audit has been carried out. The information will be forthcoming. It was recommended that the Board have an audit yearly.

Proposed Flight Service:

Gem Air is attempting to get a grant to help them start their proposed flight service between Salmon and Boise. The County commissioners agreed to give them \$ 10,000 for the next three years.

Gem Air is also requesting a further 10 cent/gallon discount off their present rate. FBO's at present pay 25 cents/gallon over the Board's cost. Private individuals pay 90 cents/gallon over cost.

The Board feels it would be unfair to other FBO's to give Gem Air an even bigger discount.

Gem Air also stated that they would like help putting on an "open house". This will be discussed at a later Board meeting.

Pilots' Lounge:

Decision was previously made to construct the lounge at the site of the old Gallogly hangar. Fred stated that he will contact Steve Adams to try and obtain septic approval from the county. A form 7460 will then need to be sent to the F.A.A. for site approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fuel Card Holders:

Cecil noted that there are a number of card holders who have been remiss in paying their bills on time. He suggested that the holders receive invoices twice a month. Then if the bill is not paid in 30 days, the client is charged 1.5% a month interest, or 18% a year.

Tony made the motion to charge the client 1.5% a month interest if the bill is not paid within 30 days. The motion was seconded by Rich. The motion passed unanimously.

Airplane Noise:

Susan Dudasik, who lives at 235 Cemetery Lane, voiced her concern about increased airplane noise over her house. She stated that she trains horses and that the horses are getting spooked by the noise. She stated that this has not been a problem in the past. She took some photos of the planes.

She stated that last year there were perhaps 3 to 4 incidents a week. This year, there is more like 8 to 9 incidents a day.

The Board was not sure what caused such an increase. It was felt to be secondary to the shorter runway, in that the pilots are extending the downwind leg. There is also this year an increase in people going to the back country, and there is increased forest fighter activity.

The Board stated that it would try and contact the pilots to see if any changes in their flying behavior could be safely made.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:30h.

