

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

December 13, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 18:03 by Board Chairman, Robert Schick. Other Board members in attendance were James Crawford, Vice Chairman, Richard Natelson, Secretary, and Ben Armstrong. Charles LaMoure, Treasurer and Bob Deurloo were present by phone.

Other people in attendance were Gary Connelly, superintendent, Jim Paulekas, Jim Mateski, Lenny Skunberg from Lenny's Airmotive and Jo Schroeder from Gem Air.

Rob asked for a motion to approve the November minutes. The motion was made by Rich and seconded by Jim. The motion passed unanimously.

Fuel and facilities report

Gary stated that the Airport now has approximately 5300 gallons of Jet A and 3800 gallons of Avgas. He stated that the Airport is not selling a lot of Avgas now.

The Prist system stopped working 5 days ago. Gary stated that one of the gaskets was apparently not compatible with the Prist. It swelled up and blocked the system. A new gasket was ordered but it won't be in until the first of the year.

McCall Air told Gary that they have the ability to blend the Prist. Jo from Gem Air stated that their fuel has Prist in it. Jim stated that there are some aircraft that cannot use Prist.

Rich asked what was happening with the inoperative PAPI's. Gary stated that the control board for the lights was destroyed by a lightning strike this summer. The replacement part is stuck off shore so we do not know when it will be repaired.

Rob questioned as to whether a Notam can be placed for snow removal equipment and personnel around the Airport and that the Notam would be valid until May. Jim stated he would look in to it.

Rob stated that he had a few phone calls from people who would like to build hangars but nothing definitive.

Financial report

Rob gave the financial report. The highest expense this past month was some grant expenses. We were billed for the seeding. The rest of the expenses were minor (excluding Gary's salary).

Rich asked if funds were still withheld being that there are still some issues with the asphalt. Charles stated that 5 % retainage is still being withheld. Rob and Charles stated that the cracks need to be repaired and the striping needs to be done in the spring. Nothing, at this point, is owed to H and K.

Public input:

No public input

Old Business

Snow Plow

Rob stated that they looked at a second snowplow in Twin Falls. It costs approximately \$30,000 and has 139,000 miles. It has a plow and a sander box. It is an International. It is in good shape. He was sent a quote today to put on new tires and to fix the snowplow lights. The truck had a thermostat problem. It was overheating. The thermostat was replaced. The vehicle was driven to Pocatello from Haber and the truck overheated again. They checked the water pump and subsequently replaced it. It has been driven since and it has not overheated. The truck is sold "as is". Included in the quote are the tire chains, strap kits, the carbide edges for the blade, and it is also going to get new tires. The total is \$36,000. Rob spoke with some knowledgeable people who are familiar with that engine and he was told that there can be a problem with the oil and the water getting mixed. It is not known whether this is a problem or not. The Board will have to decide what it would like to do. The seller is Kenworth Sales out of Pocatello, Idaho. It was previously owned by the city of Twin Falls.

Discussion ensued. It was suggested by the Board that Rob contact the city of Twin Falls to see if more information can be obtained.

Rob stated that there is a second truck. It is in Rigby Idaho. Rob contacted the gentleman who had the truck but he has not heard back as of yet.

Rob stated that the County will still be doing the plowing for this winter.

AMCG:

The report has been finalized. Rob is planning to meet with Jim to go over the report. He is sending the report to all Board members. It can then be discussed further at January's meeting. After that, the report can be presented to the County Commissioners at their second meeting. Rob asked that all Board members review the report. Initially, it was thought that AMCG would come up and give a presentation but that is not the case.

New Business

Request for Qualification

Rob stated that approximately every 5 years the Board must make a request for qualification to the FAA for the engineering firm that will help the Board with projects. There has been some change in the process. One has to request a consultant for development and a consultant for planning. These can be two separate entities or one (e.g. T O Engineers). T O does not help

with this process. Rob stated that he did the paperwork. The request then has to be advertised in the newspaper for about 10 days. The Board then looks at the candidates and decides who it would like. Normally, the contact person with the FAA is Roxanne Trotta however, she is out of the office until sometime in January. Rob is presently speaking to a gentleman named Joe Nye. He works in the same office.

IDT Land Use Guidelines

Rob stated that he received an email from the office that does the building permits for the County and there is a proposed subdivision going in approximately 4 plus miles northwest of the Airport.

Rob sent the information he received to Jennifer Shildgen with the Aeronautics Division of the Idaho Department of Transportation. The State said that the project is OK and gave a letter to Rob to give to the engineers.

Rich asked if this subdivision would not be under the landing pattern of the airport. Rob stated that it wouldn't be. Rich expressed concern that it might pose problems in the future with noise abatement.

Elections

Rob asked for a motion to open up the floor for nominations for secretary. The motion was made by Jim and seconded by Rich. The Board voted unanimously to open up the floor for nominations for secretary. Ben nominated Rich for secretary. Rich accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Rich made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Ben. The Board voted unanimously to close the nominations. The Board voted unanimously for Rich for secretary.

Rob asked for a motion to open up the floor for nominations for treasurer. The motion was made by Jim and seconded by Rich. The Board voted unanimously to open up the floor for nominations for treasurer. Rich nominated Charles for treasurer. Charles accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Rich made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Jim. The Board voted unanimously to close the nominations. The Board voted unanimously for Charles for treasurer.

Rob asked for a motion to open up the floor for nominations for co -chairman. The motion was made by Rich and seconded by Bob. The Board voted unanimously to open up the floor for nominations for co-chairman. Rich nominated Jim for co-chairman. Jim accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Rich made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Ben. The Board voted unanimously to close the nominations. The Board voted unanimously for Jim for co-chairman.

Rob asked for a motion to open up the floor for nominations for chairman. The motion was made by Ben and seconded by Jim. The Board voted unanimously to open up the floor for nominations for chairman. Ben nominated Rob for chairman. Rob accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Rich made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Bob. The Board voted unanimously to close the nominations. The Board voted unanimously for Rob for chairman.

In a closing statement, Rob stated that Jim just lost his wife. The Board is sorry for his loss. Rob stated that any of the Board members would be willing to help him in any way necessary. Jim appreciated the gesture.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:38.

