

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 18, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 18:06 by Board Chairman, Robert Schick. Other Board members in attendance were James Crawford, Vice Chairman, Richard Natelson, secretary, Charles LaMoure, treasurer, Dean Shiner, Ben Armstrong and Bob Deurloo.

Other person in attendance was Nathan Cuvala from T O Engineers.

Rob stated that this special meeting was called so that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the Terminal Airport Plan (TAP) for the Airport could be discussed. These are only discussion only items.

The Board wanted to have Nathan present to help give some idea of what the Board can expect in the future as far as Airport expansion and necessary maintenance. This is also important from a financial point of view as far as the future budget is concerned.

Nathan gave an overview of how the process works: Lemhi County is allotted \$150,000 a year in what is called "non-primary entitlements" for projects. By the fourth year this gives the airport 600,000 in grant funding. It is a 90/10 split: The FAA provides 90% of the cost. 5% comes from the State and 5% from the County. With the infrastructure bill that was passed, another allocation was done as well. On the general aviation side the amount of funding was based upon the amount of aircraft based at the airport.. For less than 15 based aircraft, the Airport gets \$110,000. For more than 15 aircraft based at the airport the Airport gets \$159,000. This is for a period of 5 years. This would be for years 2022, 2023, 2024,2025 and 2026.

2022 funding has already been allocated and it is \$110,000. Now that the based aircraft number has been updated, for 2023 and beyond, the Airport will receive \$159,000 a year. It is essentially additional entitlement funding. So, for example, in 2022 the Board receives \$150,000 in non-primary entitlements plus \$110,000 in building funds, for a total of \$260,000 in federal funding subject to the 90/10 split. The money can be used for anything that AIP funds can be used for.

Nathan further stated that the funds are not so much priority based. The purpose of these funds is to pick up projects that may not have been high on the priority list. Nathan stated further that Lemhi County Airport has already done a lot of big projects. The smaller projects, such as an equipment shed, have gone up in price dramatically over the course of the last year. The funds can be used for land purchases however this would trigger an environmental assessment that would need to be performed first. In the best case scenario it would take approximately 18 months for that assessment prior to acquiring the land.

There will be a letter from ITD coming up this summer requesting updated capital improvement program for the next 5 years The State would like to know this so they can plan as well.

The Board will need to decide what projects it would like to proceed with.

The equipment building project was discussed. The idea of an airport terminal was also discussed. This could possibly be the purchase of an existing building or a new building. Nathan suggested that the equipment building should be farther away from the other hangars that way the space that was proposed could be used for hangar space.

Nathan stated that in the future there will also be pavement maintenance projects that must be considered.

The alternate landing site was also discussed. Bob suggested seeding of that area. It was discussed as to whether FAA funds could be used for this purpose.

The Airport layout plan will need to be updated. Nathan stated that the proposed Bills' hangar may not fit with the present plan. Nathan opined that it might be a better and more expedient plan to alter the layout plan than to plan on purchasing new ground for hangar space.

Nathan stated that the next Airport project, the equipment building, will need to be built by April 1<sup>st</sup> of next year.

Discussion ensued as to where more hangars could be built. No conclusions were reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:48h.

