

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

August 12, 2024

Chairman Charles LaMoure called the meeting to order at 18:04. Other members in attendance were Vice Chairman Richard Natelson, Treasurer Michael Lane, Secretary Jim Mateski, Dean Shiner and Jeff Sheets,. Other people in attendance were Tim Vennell, Kenzie Davis and Karl Tyler.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the July 8, 2024 minutes. The motion was made by Rich and seconded by Dean. The motion was passed unanimously.

Fuel and Facilities report

Jeff reported that we have 5,874 gallons of Avgas and 9,376 gallons of Jet A available.

Charles reported that the county had some used maintenance equipment available if we were interested. (Weed trimmer, 4-wheeler, spray unit) it was discussed that we will contact Sharyn Krantz from weed control, pick equipment up and evaluate.

The AWOS operation has been inconsistent. We discussed that it is FAA controlled and FAA has been reluctant to share any information with us concerning the problem or repair schedule. Rich volunteered to try contacting them again.

Financial report

Michael reported that we are 91% through our fiscal year and have spent 20% of our budget.

Old Business

Charles reported that he had no Commissioners' update.

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Jim reported that he had secured bids for a vault toilet and suggested that we submit a 2025 aid request to Idaho Division of Aeronautics. This must be submitted before the end of 2024.

Discussion ensued around where it could be placed and the need for a site plan including tie downs and parking. Karl Tyler, who owns the only hangar at U00, offered the possibility of building a rest room next to his hangar, sharing his well and drain field. Discussion ensued around if permit-wise, utilities could be shared and will be researched. Loose gravel on Rwy 11/29 prompted discussion including the need to add a top coat of binding gravel. Dean and Karl Tyler will research.

Project updates

Utility relocation project

Charles reported that he was supposed to receive the (slow-in-coming) 60% plan tomorrow from Ardurra.

The new gate is completely functional

New Business

Committee Needs

We are planning a winter airport preparedness meeting with Jeff heading and Charles assisting. Curt Rosin and Lynn Bowerman will be invited.

Rich brought up that he thought future hangar development should be on the east side of the the airport property. Discussion ensued in support.

Kenzie Davis reported that our Website and Domain were finished being transferred with more work to be done on the webcams. She is anxious to start making some improvements to our webpage.

Forest Service Lease

Charles reported that he had been contacted by John Shanker USFS, who said they had not paid the set annual \$3500 flowage fees that amounted to \$10,500. Charles and Michael are sending an addendum for payment. Discussion ensued as to the problem that needs to be addressed. We get reports as to our budget and expenditures from

the County Clerk's office but income goes directly to the County Treasurers office. We have not received an accounting of income since the County took over three years ago. Charles also discussed with John Shanker that the existing lease is based on changing appraisals based on the different uses of the approximate 19 acres the USFS is on. The USFS would agree to an annual fee with an agreed upon percentage increase per year based on the whole property and allow us to charge our \$.45 per gallon flowage fee to the aircraft operating out of the USFS facility.

A long discussion ensued. Charles presented board members correspondence from the USFS to review. Comments favored that being able to receive our flowage fee would most likely increase our annual income (depending on fire activity) resulting in the real possibility of reducing the flowage fee rate for all our users.

Closing Comments

Tim would like to have more signage for the parking lot to reduce abuse and non payment. Jeff is going to meet with Tim to come up with a plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:24