

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Chairman Charles LaMoure called the meeting to order at 18:02. Other members in attendance were Vice Chairman Richard Natelson, Treasurer Michael Lane, Wade Ayala and Jeff Sheets. Secretary Jim Mateski via telephone. Other people in attendance were Tim Vennell, Jim Paulekas, TJ Park and a Forest Service representative.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 minutes. Motion was made by Rich and seconded by Jeff. The motion was passed unanimously.

Fuel and Facilities report

Jeff reported that we have 2,367 gallons of Jet A available and 3,167 gallons of Avgas. Charles reported that loads of each were ordered. Jeff and Charles reported that the pavement sealing project is in motion and that the bid documents should be presented to us by April 1st.

Financial report

Michael reported that we were 31% into our budget with 41% though our year. Expenditures are \$51,235 with income at \$118,000.

Public input

Tim Vennell brought up the possibility of 1) a Gazebo in the grass area between the FBO's again. 2) Also the walkway where the cold mix was brought in last year was not holding up. 3) If fuel prices have changed recently. It was discussed that the fuel prices will be adjusted with the new loads arriving and Gazebo will be put on next months agenda.

The Forest Service representative asked if their brush hogged area had been seeded. The area in question had 50# broadcast seeded within a week of their request last fall as per best practices.

Old Business

Leadore

Charles reported that the County requested another invoice be submitted to send the deposit to Montana Concrete to start construction of the vault toilet. Jim suggested that if possible, we send the full amount with the possibility of moving up the delivery schedule.

Commissioners Update

Committee Updates

A budget meeting will be scheduled this month.

Current airport lease's

Discussion ensued around fees for all new leases and renewal of existing leases will be on lot square footage not building square footage.

Action

Rich made a motion to add an addendum to our New Build Lease agreement

- 1) they will be charged the fee from the time they sign the lease.**
- 2) they have one year to start construction from the signing.**
- 3) they have one year to finish construction.**

Jeff second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Forest Service Lease

Charles reported that he had communicated with them and that they have agreed to our preliminary Land Lease and that they would be able to sign in a month or so. (Land lease would go to \$20,000 with a \$250 per year escalation. The annual \$2500 fuel flowage fee and annual \$1,000 for electricity and water pump usage is

eliminated. We will now be able to charge the helicopter contractors coming on field our flowage fee).

Discussion ensued concerning how we were going to monitor the usage.

Action

Rich made a motion to recommend our County Commissioners sign the \$20,000 plus \$250 per year escalation Forest Service Land lease.

Jeff second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Non paying airport land users

Discussion ensued around Lemhi County entities using airport property. Consensus was that since our future expansion will be on the east side, and the FAA mandates that all airport property be for aviation purpose. Those entities should be made aware that their presence is not a permanent option. It was suggested that short term leases be signed.

New Business

Salmon Air Fly-in

TJ reported that the event is planned for May 17th. Lots of interest in attendance is noted. Events include aircraft displays, a car show and a pancake breakfast. Volunteer help would be appreciated.

State Grant

Charles reported that he is filling out the application for a SRE building / bathroom grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:15