

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

July 12, 2021

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

Other people in attendance were Gary Connelly, Superintendent, Lenny Skunberg from Lenny's Airmotive, and the USFS.

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

Fuel and facilities report

Report was given by Gary. They are approximately 13,000 gallons of Jet A, and 12,875 gallons of Avgas. We have a call in for another 8,000 gallons of Jet A. The Airport is attempting to keep ahead of the need due to the increase need of fuel for firefighting. Rob said to spoke to the fuel suppliers and requested another 10,000 gallons of Jet A.

Gary stated that he would like to get a dumpster behind the new shed. He also stated that we need to fuel the diesel tank for the Airport. He stated that there is a problem with dust from the drainage area near the fuel farm. The plan for that area, according to Jim, is to seed the area. Charles asked if it would be possible to put a port a potty out by the fuel farm to prevent people from urinating there. He thought the money could come from Covid funds. Discussion ensued. Rob said it might be possible. He will look into it.

Rob spoke with the County Commissioners about fuel supply. The Board would like to make sure that there will be enough for both the Forest Service and the air ambulance. Brett Barsolou stated that in Chapter 3 of our Rules and Regulations there is an emergency clause that will allow the Board to restrict fuel use. The Board asked the people and FBO's that have been taking on Airport fuel to "be kind" and considerate of how much is taken. Brett also spoke with the County attorney and it was questioned as to whether the Airport can hold fuel for entities for which we do not have a specific contract with. Rob concluded with the possible need for a special Board meeting to deal with this if it becomes a problem. Rich stated that he felt Gem Air and the other FBO's would be considerate about fuel usage if the Board simply spoke with them. It was suggested that the FBO's take half of their normal amount. There was concern that if the Airport took too much fuel, then the fuel might "time out". It was felt that this probably would not be the case in view of where we are in July.

Gary mentioned about supplying Prist. We still have seen no movement on this.

Financial report

Charles gave the financial report. He stated that there is a total of \$ 95,881.73 in checking. Fuel accounts receivable are \$ 14,664.24. Total fuel assets are \$ 42,583.48.

The bills to be paid were reviewed. The largest bill was to H and K for \$ 984,505.92 for fuel farm construction. \$ 945 was paid to QT Pod for support on the new fuel system. Rich made a motion to pay the bills. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rob mentioned that TO Engineers did not have all the invoices ready yet, and there was a delay with the FAA, but he received all the invoices last Friday so a 1.5 million dollar request was made to the FAA in order to pay on H and K's bill.

Rob also thinks we should be able to get grant money to pay Idaho Power for their work on the fuel farm.

Public input:

The representative from the USFS wished to thank the Board for working with them to provide extra parking for the helicopters.

Old Business

Application for Lease

Jim met with Nathan Bills out at the Airport and we have his application for lease. Nathan is okay with placing the hangar facing south. Rob mentioned that he must have a diagram of the hangar, a building permit, a completed FAA form 7460, and the GPS coordinates. All this must be done before they break ground on the hangar.

The hangar will be placed to the Northeast of the large Gem air hangar, and it is going to face south. At this point, there is really no other place to build. Jim went out with Nathan Cuvala from TO engineers and it was determined that 2 hangars could be built in that area. Jim stated that there will be 275 feet of tarmac available and TO engineers is now working at changing the plan for the airport.

Rob entertained a motion to approve the application for lease. Jim made the motion. This was seconded by Ben. The motion passed unanimously. Rich brought up the question of sewage for this hangar. Charles mentioned that this would be addressed under new business.

Airport Parking

Jim brought up the idea of aircraft parking. Something could be done similar to what is being done with motor vehicle parking. Jim suggested that a sign be placed out between the 2 taxiways and set up a similar box for payment at the fuel island like what is presently used for cars. Discussion ensued.

AMCG and Peter Doyle

Rob e- mailed AMCG this week and they are 95% done. They have been very busy. The final report is expected shortly. Rob stated that the report, when done, will also need to go to Peter Doyle with the FAA. Bruce Withers has reached out to Mr. Doyle without success. It is suspected that with the report, there may need to be fee changes.

Leadore Airport

Dean got the County to grade the airport and states it is looking good. The old beacon from Lemhi County airport will be transported out to Leadore to be used there. It was discussed that the airport needs to be classified as "day VFR only". Charles mentioned that it also has to be changed from a paved to a dirt runway.

Fuel Farm

Jim stated that the work done at the airport on the fuel farm he is very happy with. The one thing that needs to be done still is to have the fuel price sign mounted. At this point it is sitting on the ground. Gary mentioned that it might be a good idea to put the fuel price sign where the Phillips 66 sign is now that way people when they arrive will see the price right off. Further discussion ensued. Rob directed Jim to see if this is feasible.

Jim stated that TO Engineers is still working on the draft for the spill fuel containment system for separate fuel tanks.

Fuel trucks

Rob provided an update. He stated that he has been waiting for an answer from the fire Marshall concerning parking of the fuel trucks, however, this past week he found out that the fire Marshall retired. He then spoke with Mike Werner, the local fire chief. Mike is going through the regulations to see what is considered necessary for fuel truck parking and secondary containment systems.

New business

Sewage holding tanks

Jim feels that the best approach is to have sewage holding tanks instead of septic systems. Charles stated that this was addressed approximately 10 years ago and at that time, no more septic permits would be allowed at the airport. That was when Steve Adams was still in charge. There was a meeting between the County Commissioners, District 7 and the Building Department. It was determined that the County Commissioners would ensure that the people with these holding tanks would pump them in a timely fashion.

When to pump these tanks would be determined by a light, mounted on the side of the hangar, that would turn red when the tank needed to be pumped. After the Hanger owner pumped the tank, they would be issued a receipt which would then be presented to the Airport Board. This information will need to be included in any new leases. Rob stated this will be an action item on the agenda next month.

FAA funding priorities

Jim spoke with TO engineers and the equipment shed and pilots lounge will be the first priority. Jim thought the second priority should be another taxi way north of the apron so more hangars could be placed there. The third priority may be to purchase land so that Hamner Lane could be extended. Discussion ensued. Rich mentioned that land purchase should probably not be attempted now due to high land prices. Rob stated that it would take approximately 2 years to get to the point of purchasing the land in order to be in compliance with the EPA.

Airport supply program

Rob stated that Flo is coming in from Boise in the beginning of August. Flo gets Idaho fuel tax money and they help small airports purchase things that they might not have enough money for. So he will bring, for example, lightbulbs, taxi lights, wind socks, etc. One of the wind socks was already given to Lemhi County and has been installed at Leadore airport. Tie downs are also to be provided but these tie downs are meant for transient aircraft not people based on the airport.

Closing comments: Next meeting will be the second Monday of the month unless we have a special meeting. Rob mentioned that the airport now has a phone number. The phone number can be forwarded to Gary's phone or to whomever is taking phone calls for the airport. This will cost \$25 a month.

The meeting was adjourned at 1858.

