

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

March 14, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Board Chairman, Robert Schick. Other Board members in attendance were James Crawford, Vice Chairman, Richard Natelson, secretary, and Ben Armstrong.

Other people in attendance were Gary Connelly, superintendent, Lenny Skunberg from Lenny's Airmotive, Dave Schroeder from Gem Air.

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

Fuel and facilities report

Gary stated that there are 1,859 gallons of Jet A and 4,825 gallons of Avgas. The Airport is getting another delivery on Thursday of Jet A.

Gary stated that he is going to be leaving. He stated that he will be headed to Minnesota tomorrow but he will be back on 24 March. He stated that his last day will be April 1. Rob stated that the airport board and the county commissioners have appreciated what he has done. He stated that the board would like to wish him the best of luck.

Rich stated that there was a leak from the #1 gase gas fuel nozzle and he was wondering if it is been addressed. Gary stated that he had not heard about this but he would address it. He thinks that the nozzle was probably just loose and needs to be tightened.

Rob stated that he spoke to Lenny's wife about a lease that was expiring at 17 Hamner Way. Rob stated that he will speak with Lenny in the future about this.

Rob stated that the Board received the Axiom lease signed by the County Commissioners. Axiom has changed its name to Rogue Properties LLC. The County Commissioners signed it 2 weeks ago. Rogue Properties has a copy of that lease and they have already contacted their construction people. Rob stated that he will discuss with them what needs to be done to be in compliance. They are planning on starting as soon as possible.

Rob stated that Nathan Bills put in his application for a hangar. It was initially supposed to be 100 x 100 feet but then this was changed to 85 x 110 feet. The building permit will not be granted until the FAA paperwork has been completed and approved. Jim stated that Nate will probably start on the hangar in the fall. Jim stated that Nate will let them know when they are ready to start.

Gary stated that there is a heave in the asphalt at the Southeast corner of the fuel farm where the concrete meets the asphalt. He stated that a TO engineer knows about this and that it will need to be addressed. Gary stated further that it will need to be taken care of because it could be dangerous.

Financial report

Charles was not present to give the financial report. Rob stated that all bills are paid minus one. It was a mistake. It was to pay for fire extinguisher inspections. It was approximately \$30. Rob already spoke to the County recorder and it will not be a big issue. Rob had a question about "professional services" (for example what we pay T0 engineers). Some of these expenses appear high but a lot of them are reimbursed by the FAA. All and all however, Rob stated, that we are in budget. Rob stated that we still have the grant money for the snowplow truck. The Board will be continuing to look for used equipment.

Old Business

Request for qualification

Rob worked with Joe Nye this year from the FAA and two ads were placed to find a new engineering firm. The ads were run at the beginning and at the end of the 30-day window. At the end of the 30 days, the Board has just one candidate that applied: T0 engineers. They had an inquiry from somebody in Virginia and somebody from the Northwest but nothing was presented.

Rob stated that this is both a discussion and an action item today. Discussion ensued. Rich made a motion to continue using T0 engineers as the Board's engineering firm. It was seconded by Jim. The Board voted unanimously to continue to use T0 engineers. Rob stated that he will inform the FAA of this vote.

AMCG

Rob stated that he would like to see this topic tabled tonight because Charles is not here. Rob would like to have Charles present so he can give the Board better insight into how fuel prices should be determined. Rob would like to give a final recommendation to the County Commissioners. He stated further, that this may necessitate a special meeting. Discussion ensued. Rich made a motion to table the fuel prices. Jim seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Grants

Rob went into the Delphi system where he applies for grants for the airport. We have grants still open and there are mostly for the runway and taxi way. Most of that money, however, is spent. Rob stated there are 2 new grants that came through. One grant is for 2021 and another one is for 2022. The 2021 grant is for \$9000 and the second one is \$22,000. Rob stated that he needs to get clarification for what the money can be used for.

There is another grant that is similar to the grant that we got from the CARES funding. Rob stated that it has to be applied for before the end of April. Rob stated that last year he asked for not only the snowplow but the runway sweeper. The funding was obtained for the snowplow but not the sweeper. Rob wants to try to get the grant money for the sweeper. He stated that it is approximately \$16,000. Rich asked if this money could be used on other items and Rob stated that it could. Rob stated that this new grant would be approximately \$110,000.

Rob also recently learned from Nathan Cuvala from T0 engineers, that the money that was paid to Idaho Power in the beginning of the fuel farm project can be paid for with FAA money. This was approximately \$30,000.

Cars left at airport

This is a follow-up to the discussion of the cars that were left at the airport. The owner of the vehicles finally showed up. He demonstrated that he had titles for the vehicles. He paid for 20 days parking for the cars. He stated that if he was not back by March 15 (the end of the 20 days), the airport could sell them. Rob spoke to the County Commissioners about this and they would prefer that we contact the owner and have him sign over the titles. The Board will then go to Lemhi Salvage and then the Airport can get rid of them. The name of the owners of the cars is Brian Wilke. Rob stated that he and Jim will try to track this man down.

Gary asked about the white van that is also parked. Rob stated that he had gone over to the van, found it to be unlocked, and took pictures of the registration that was in the vehicle. He took it to the sheriff's office. One deputy stated that he had spoken with the owner and the man stated that he was away for the winter. He has property up in North Fork. The deputy stated that he called the man and the man stated that he does not have a hangar at the airport so he flies up and ties down his airplane. When he leaves, he leaves his van at the airport. Rob has the gentleman's contact information. He will call him so that he can pay for parking.

New Business

Application for Superintendent's Job

Being that Gary is leaving, Rob has received a resume from somebody who may be interested in the superintendent's job. Rob had already distributed the resume to the Board members and the County Commissioners. Rob stated that he did a phone interview with the gentleman and it was favorable. Rob would like permission from the Board to proceed with hiring the individual. This is the only resume received. Rob thought it would be a good idea to have Gary train the gentleman when he returns at the end of March before he leaves for good.

Jim stated that the County Commissioners were okay with us proceeding. Jim made the motion

to higher the individual. This was seconded by Ben. The Board voted unanimously to proceed. Rob stated that he will speak with the person tomorrow. He will also check with the County to see how much time can be overlapped so that Gary can train him.

Rob will decide if a special meeting will be necessary prior to next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:36.