

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES

October 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 18:04 by Board Chairman, Robert Schick. Other Board members in attendance were James Crawford, Vice Chairman, Richard Natelson, secretary, Charles LaMoure, treasurer, Dean Shiner and Bob Deurloo.

Other people in attendance were Tim Vernell from Gem Air, Jim Miteski, Jim Paulekas and Lynn Bowerman.

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

Fuel and facilities report

James was not present. The report was given by Rob: He stated that there are approximately 6500 gallons of Jet A and 13,000 gallons of Avgas. The Airport is low on Prist.

Nate Bills hangar is under construction. Rob spoke with the contact from Axiom and they are supposed to start building on the 11th. At present, they do not have any equipment at the Airport. The final dimensions of the Bills' hangar is 110 x 80 feet and the exact size of the Axiom hangar is not known for some of the dimensions have changed slightly. They reportedly have a building permit. Hangar location and size was approved by the FAA.

C.J. contacted Rob and stated that the banker for the Axiom project wanted some wording changed in the lease. Rob spoke with the banker and he was vague about the details. Rob told him that they already had an official lease approved by the County and the Airport Board.

Rich stated that he did not understand why the lease would have to be specifically changed for one person. Charles stated that it is not uncommon that a bank would not want to lend money for construction of a building on ground that is not owned by the builder.

An order of Jet A is going to be placed.

Tim from Gem Air stated that there is another product called Dice that is similar to Prist but costs less. Rob stated that when he was in Twin Falls looking at the pricing for Jet A he noted that if the fuel contained Prist, they charged ten cents more a gallon. The Airport presently does not charge for the Prist. The Airport does have the ability to charge for Prist. The Board may need to address this.

Rob ordered some new shoes for the snow pusher and a new blade for the back of the tractor. He does not know why it is taking so long to get the parts. The equipment the Airport has now will work but it is just that these items need to be replaced.

Financial report

Charles stated that he did not have the current bills from Teresa. He states however the bills have been paid.

Rob and Charles went over some pricing from last year and everything was within the budget. There was some money left over. The higher fuel prices were not expected however although the Board is spending more for fuel, it is also receiving more money from fuel sales.

It might be possible to reduce the Airport operations fee. For retail pricing of the fuel, it may be possible to simply use a percentage of the cost. This change would need to be brought before the Airport Board because it would require also a policy change.

Teresa at the recorder's office monitors what the Airport sells and then informs the Board when the price needs to be altered.

Public Input:

Tim Vernell:

He asked if there was any intention to have Prist at the single point fueling line. Rob stated that the board looked into this in the past however the filters were prohibitively expensive and the fuel cost a lot more to get the premixed jet.

OLD BUSINESS

AMCG follow-up

Rob reiterated items that were discussed in the preceding months:

The Board decided to have an airport operations and maintenance fee instead of a flowage fee. The Board decided not to have a "throughput fee".

Approximately \$ 1141.82 was obtained in parking fees. Theresa did differentiate between the courtesy car and the parking fees.

Rob was able to go into the QT system and program a message that tells people where the pay envelopes are. The Board has also received money from airplane parking as well.

The County Commissioners will receive all the AMCG topics the Board has discussed and the Board's recommendations.

Airport Signs:

Jim Crawford stated that the speed limit signs and gate number signs have been put up. The Board discussed the possibility of placing no smoking signs. The Board didn't think these were necessary. There are, however, no smoking signs on the fuel pumps.

The Board has already approved a new lease and the commercial lease. Minor word changes may have to be made but Board approval is not necessary for this.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Leadore airport

Jim Miteski had conversations with Jennifer from the Idaho Department of Aviation and she gave him a copy of the CIP for Leadore. The CIP had never been seen before by the Airport Board or by TO Engineers. The Board should review the document by December. The CIP is based upon the state of Idaho paying 75 percent of the bill. The County would be responsible for the rest. Items mentioned were: runway lights, beacon, segmented circle, and windsock. Rob stated that the electrical conduit alone for the runway would be approximately \$ 135,000. It is not known whether present electrical system out at the airport would support new lighting. Discussion ensued. The County will have to decide what they consider a priority. Jim Miteski volunteered to be temporary manager at the Leadore airport. Charles made the motion to make Jim M. the temporary manager. The motion was seconded by Jim Crawford. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean mentioned that he spoke to Rick and he has intentions of getting someone to repair and provide power to the beacon. The wires to the runway lights would be fixed at the same time. (As mentioned previously, it is not known if the rest of the wiring is operational.) Rob stated that he will try to get some funding to pay for the work that Dean did at Leadore airport. Dean stated that there is no need to pay him for his time.

CIP for Lemhi County Airport

Nathan Cuvalla is going to get the Board the new CIP. The plan will add on the project of moving the power and water so that the terminal area plan on the south fence to build small hangars can move forward.

The snow removal equipment building may go where the old office building is now. The old brick building would be torn down. This way, it would not take up potential hangar space. The idea of putting a pilots' lounge in the building was discussed but it was felt that it would be too far for pilots to walk to. The original price to have this work done was \$ 150,000, but now it is much higher- up to \$600,000.

The proposal to install a new gate to give access to the fuel farm, Forest Service, and the large hangars was discussed. The gate would be on Airport Road. This will be part of the CIP. Charles mentioned the idea of expansion on the northwest side, near Gem Air. He was wondering whether this would be an economic alternative to the movement of the power and water lines at the south end. He suggested perhaps a cost analysis should be performed to evaluate both proposals. This may be able to be provided by T O Engineers.

Auction Items Update

Jim, Rob and James provided pictures to the County for items up for auction. The Board is still having problems getting some of the items that sold picked up. Rob does not know how much the Airport has made from the sale of the old items. There are still two pallets left.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Lot in Front of the FBO'S

Rob stated that there are a lot of holes in the lot. Perhaps it can be repaired. Charles mentioned that the Board can use the money that the Airport received for vehicle parking over the last year. That is approximately \$ 1500. Charles feels that a lot of improvement can be performed for approximately one thousand dollars. Dahle construction would not be involved due to the conflict of interest.

Dean made the motion to redo the parking lot with a dollar limit of two thousand dollars. The motion was seconded by Jim. The motion passed unanimously.

Snow Plow update

The new snowplow truck is on its way. The Department of Road and Bridges will help out with the training. The idea of sending the Airport employee to go for CDL training was discussed.

The cost would be approximately three thousand dollars.

The truck is a 2008 International 7500. It has 62,000 miles. Charles inspected it and he felt it was in good shape. It has an automatic transmission, new front tires and it is a dump truck. The truck is from Utah. Rob stated that the state grant was \$ 59,500. The total was \$65,000.

Board Input:

Bob wanted to acknowledge Rob for all the work that he has been doing on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:16h