

LEMHI COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Chairman Charles LaMoure called the meeting to order at 18:00. Other members in attendance were vice chairman Richard Natelson, secretary Jim Mateski, treasurer Michael Lane, Wade Ayale and Jeff Sheets. Other people in attendance were Tim Venell, Jim Paulekas, Lynn Bowerman, Laura Hollingshead and Bryan Williams.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the January 2024 minutes. The motion was made by Rich and seconded by Jeff. The motion was passed unanimously.

Fuel and Facilities report

Jeff reported that we had 5,906 gallons of Avgas and 11,174 of Jet A available. Charles reported that we have hired one half time employee so far. He stated that Jeff and Jim (Charles too) have been helping with snow plowing and fuel farm testing. We are researching sources for procedures and time tables for operating our fuel facility correctly. Charles brought up the fact that our fuel prices are the highest in the area. Discussion ensued and is to be addressed at the March meeting.

Financial report

Michael reported that we are 41% through our fiscal year and have spent 4.8% of our budget, with an intake of \$179,000. Charles clarified that we will be spending more this spring with our new gate and utility realigning projects, as well as income from the Feds and State.

Public input

Jim Paulekas asked how many lots were planned for the new south hangar addition and if there had been any interest in them. Charles replied that 9 lots are planned and that Dahle Construction had an application turned in for a lot.

Tim Venell asked if the Board was pursuing amending lease rates to current market value instead of continuing on at the older rates and mentioned that last year the Board voted on lowering flow fees to \$.45 and that Gem Air had not seen that reduction yet. Charles replied that he was aware and that review of previous minutes were necessary and he would do so.

New Business

Laura Hollingshead and Bryan Williams inquired if the Board had any interest in allowing a food service trailer near the airport. They said they were thinking of the intersection of Airport Ln and Hamner Ln, or at the north end of Hamner Ln. Discussion ensued that resulted that the Board thought that as long as all health regulations and licenses were met, and that the trailer would not be on the fenced airport property, the Board did not have to take any action and wished them the best.

Old Business

Commissioner Update/Airport Business

Charles reported that he had attended the Commissioners meeting that morning and brought them up to date with the Airport's upcoming projects (gate, water line, and Idaho Power) expenditures. Ardurra Engineers should be forthcoming with drawings which with their help, will be put out for private bid for water relocation and trenching. Also the Commissioners signed the Ardurra Engineers cost estimate for the acquisition of the hangar for the SRE building and pilot lounge and are proceeding for the federal funds.

Charles confirmed that the IAA donated courtesy car was about ready to be picked up.

Committee Appointments

Charles shared how he thought the formation of committees could accomplish more for the Airports through better communication and tasking. Discussions ensued regarding updating FAA airport information, our equipment maintenance, Leadore, etc that the various committees would be able to jumpstart.

Website

Jim reported progress has been made updating our website. More left to do and Clint just notified us that he wasn't able to log in. We'll address these issues asap.

Jeff commented that he was told that tv news channels weren't reporting Salmon wind speeds. Discussion ensued around why we didn't report anything other than the FAA AWOS.

Airport Maintenance Employee

Our new employee is Monte Hutchinson and Jeff was going to help get him through the Lemhi County system. He is going to be working 19 hours a week.

Charles asked if everyone had read Jim's Airport Employee Job Description and would entertain a motion to adopt. Rich made the motion and Jim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gem Air Hanger Expansion

Tim Venell reported that they were looking into moving the project to the north side of their new hangar and changing it from a temporary structure to a permanent one. They will present us with a plan when finalized.

Closing Comments

Rich commented that when flying in from the south in marginal weather, he does not receive KSMN AWOS weather conditions until on final approach because Rexburg's ASOS dominates. He would like to have us look into how the frequency can be changed. He recognizes that the Rexburg system is a state run system and Salmon is a federal system. Discussion ensued. Rich was going to pursue the problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00